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# 15 U.S. Code § 9501

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## Definitions

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In this chapter:

**(1) Agency**

The term “Agency” means the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

**(2) Community-based organization**

The term “community-based organization” has the meaning given the term in section 7801 of title 20.

**(3) Eligible entity**

Except as otherwise expressly provided, the term “eligible entity” —

(A) means —

- (i) a private sector entity;
- (ii) a public sector entity; or
- (iii) a Native entity; and

(B) includes an institution of higher education.

**(4) Federal agency**

The term “Federal agency” has the meaning given the term “agency” in section 551 of title 5.

**(5) Federally recognized area of economic distress**

The term “federally recognized area of economic distress” means —

(A) a HUBZone, as that term is defined in section 657a(b) of this title;

(B) an area that —

(i) has been designated as —

(I) an empowerment zone under section 1391 of title 26; or

(II) a Promise Zone by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; or

(ii) is a low or moderate income area, as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

(C) a qualified opportunity zone, as that term is defined in section 1400Z-1 of title 26; or

(D) any other political subdivision or unincorporated area of a State determined by the Under Secretary to be an area of economic distress.

**(6) Institution of higher education**

The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 1001 of title 20.

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