

generally by the community as having such a disability, and whose disability has substantially limited his or her ability to engage in competitive business; or

6. women - a woman, regardless of race or ethnicity, unless she is also a member of an ethnic or racial minority group and elects that category in lieu of the gender category; or

(ii) otherwise found by the certification agency to be a socially and economically disadvantaged individual.

(2) There is a rebuttable presumption that an individual who is a member of a minority group under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection is socially and economically disadvantaged.

(3) ~~(1) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN~~ An individual whose personal net worth exceeds \$750,000 may not be found to be economically disadvantaged.

~~(II) IF SUBSEQUENT TO CERTIFICATION OF AN ENTITY AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CONTROLS AT LEAST 51% OF THE ENTITY ACCRUES A PERSONAL NET WORTH THAT EXCEEDS \$750,000, THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MAY NOT BE DECERTIFIED UNTIL:~~

~~1. 3 YEARS AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL ACCRUES A PERSONAL NET WORTH THAT EXCEEDS \$750,000; OR~~

~~2. THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM AND ANY RENEWAL PERIOD OF ANY CONTRACT TO WHICH THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IS A PARTY.~~

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~~(a) (7) IF, DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT BY A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR THAT IS A CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, THE CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE BECOMES INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM BECAUSE THE OWNER OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE EXCEEDS THE PERSONAL NET WORTH LIMIT SET FORTH IN § 14-301(I)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PARTICIPATION OF THAT MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ON THAT CONTRACT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD THE GOALS OF THE CONTRACT AND THE UNIT IF, DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT, A CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR BECOMES INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM BECAUSE ONE OR MORE OF ITS OWNERS HAS A PERSONAL NET WORTH THAT EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN § 14-301(I)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE:~~

~~(I) THAT INELIGIBILITY ALONE MAY NOT CAUSE THE TERMINATION OF THE CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE'S CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; AND~~