

## **Division 12 Consulting Earns SBA 8(A) Certification**

March 2021

On March 12, 2021, Division 12 Consulting was welcomed into the Small Business Administration's SBA 8(a) Business Development Program. The 8(a) program is a business assistance program designated for small disadvantaged businesses owned and controlled at least 51% by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and groups.

The nine year program consists of two stages: 1) the developmental stage from years one to four where the 8(a) entity can receive sole source contracts exclusively and 2) the transitional stage where from years five to nine an increased percentage of non-8(a) revenue must be realized per year through the end of the program nine years later. The intent of the program is for disadvantaged businesses to be given an initial leg up, and subsequently, go on to prosper once graduating from the program. Division 12 Consulting SBA 8(a) expiration date is March 13, 2031.