CHAPTER 120—MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

§ 9501. Definitions

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.

(7) MBDA Business Center

The term ''MBDA Business Center'' means a business center that—

　(A) is established by the Agency; and

　(B) provides technical business assistance to minority business enterprises consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

(8) MBDA Business Center agreement

The term ''MBDA Business Center agreement'' means a legal instrument—

　(A) reflecting a relationship between the Agency and the recipient of a Federal assistance award that is the subject of the instrument; and

　(B) that establishes the terms by which the recipient described in subparagraph (A) shall operate an MBDA Business Center.

(9) Minority business enterprise

(A) In general

The term ''minority business enterprise'' means a business enterprise—

　(i) that is not less than 51 percent-owned by 1 or more socially or economically disadvantaged individuals; and

　(ii) the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by 1 or