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### § 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