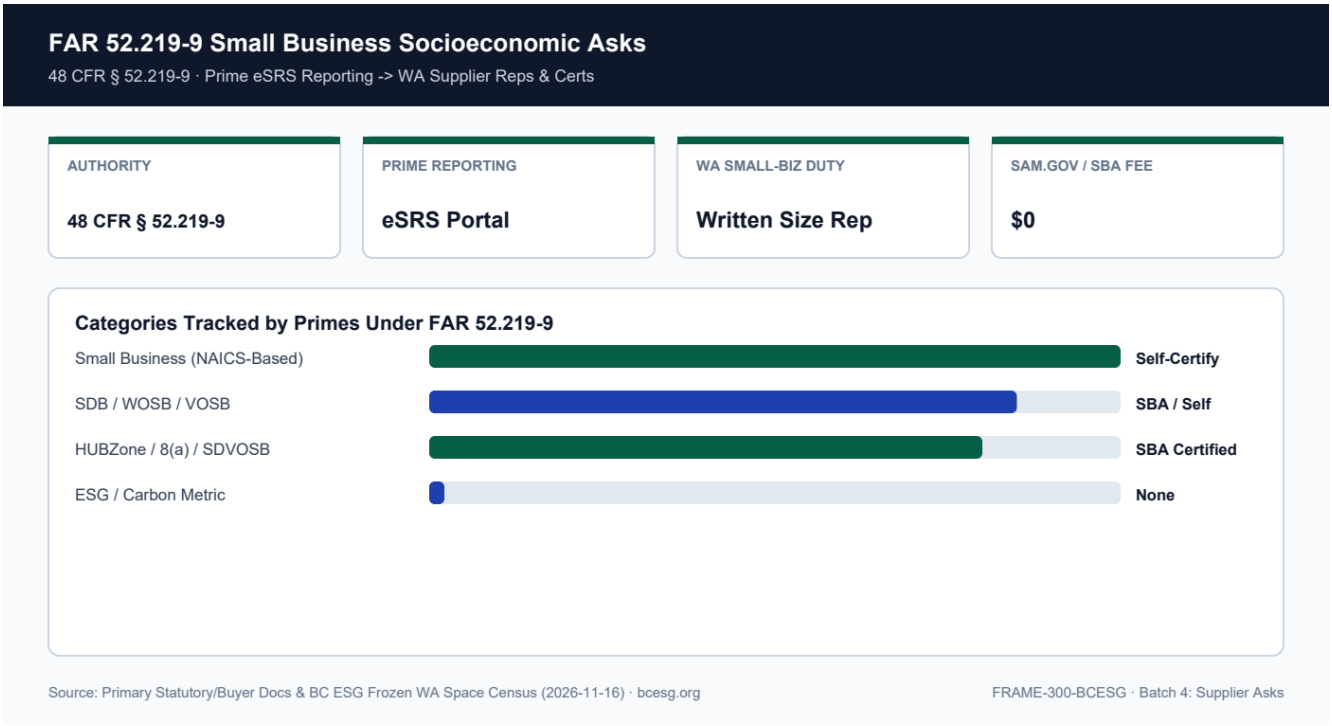
FAR 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting & Socioeconomic Certs

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Verification & Authority Baseline: Binding federal clause (48 CFR § 52.219-9) on large primes with contracts >$750,000. Primes ask WA suppliers to self-certify or provide SBA status (Small Business, SDB, WOSB, HUBZone, SDVOSB) so the prime can report in eSRS.



Entity Size	FAR 52.219-9 Duty	Required Action
Large Prime (> $750k federal contract)	Binding Subcontracting Plan + eSRS	Collect supplier certs & report spend
WA Small Business Supplier	No 52.219-9 plan required	Provide accurate NAICS size & SBA cert to prime

Who Issues This Ask, Authority, and Binding Status

Every large federal prime (The Boeing Company, L3Harris, Blue Origin) asks WA suppliers for annual small-business and socioeconomic status representations.

Binding status: `48 CFR § 52.219-9` legally binds **large prime contractors** to maintain a Small Business Subcontracting Plan and report spend in eSRS. Small businesses themselves are exempt from writing a `52.219-9` plan, but must provide accurate written size representations (under NAICS code) if claiming small-business status.

Evidence Required & Small-Supplier Effort Cost

Suppliers check their NAICS size standard, maintain an active **SAM.gov** UEI (free, $0), and sign the prime's annual **Small Business Representation Form** (attaching SBA HUBZone/SDVOSB/WOSB certificates if applicable).

SAM.gov and SBA certifications are free ($0); internal admin time is **not in our data**.

WA Space Cluster Segments & Companies Affected

Applies to small-business WA suppliers across all segments, including Components & Suppliers and Software & Mission Services.

Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

• eCFR — FAR 52.219-9 (Small Business Subcontracting Plan): https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-48/chapter-1/subchapter-H/part-52/subpart-52.2/section-52.219-9