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What should an ANC-owned firm do if they are not 8(a) certified and wish to apply to the DBE program under the Special Rules 49 CFR 26.63(c)(2)?

[https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-26#p-26.63\(c\)\(2\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-26#p-26.63(c)(2))

Beginning April 2025, a firm is unable to request a formal size determination from the SBA. In accordance with 13 C.F.R. §121.109 APEX Accelerator can provide a small business status advisory opinion to address the size of a concern.

The Alaska Unified Certification Program will accept a size advisory opinion letter from APEX Accelerator in lieu of a Size Determination letter from the SBA.

To obtain a size advisory opinion from APEX Accelerator contact:

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