

### ***Semi-Structured Interviews about Terminations***

Interviews will cover the following topics:

- Who initiated the termination of the program participation?
- What are the reasons why your mentor-protégé team terminated program participation?
  - What kind of difficulties or issues did you experience during the program participation?
  - What kind of difficulties or issues did you experience with your mentor/protégé during the program participation?
- What are the benefits you've gained from the program? What are the benefits you expected from the program but did not receive?
- What types of assistance did the SBA provide during the program participation? How helpful were they? Was there any assistance that you needed but did not receive?
- What types of assistance did the mentor/protégé provide during the program participation? How helpful were they? Was there any assistance that you needed but did not receive?
- What are the key aspects of a good mentor-protégé relationship? What could be done to improve it?
- How could the SBA improve the program education, outreach, and assistance to facilitate continued program participation and prevent terminations for mentor-protégé teams?
- How could the SBA improve the program to ensure mentor-protégé teams benefit more from the program?
- Any other comments about your program participation experiences or suggestions for program improvement?