



U.S. General Services Administration

# Federal Acquisition Service

# GWACs

## Part 1

GOVERNMENTWIDE ACQUISITION CONTRACTS

# Agenda

**Clinger-Cohen**

**What is a GWAC?**

**GWAC Center Responsibilities**

**Reporting to OMB and Contract Oversight**

**How are GSA GWACs different from Schedule 70?**

**Small Business GWAC Center**

**HUBZone and 8(a) STARS**

**Veterans Technology Services**

**Enterprise GWAC Center (Southwest)**

**Millennia Lite**

**Enterprise GWAC Center (West)**

**ANSWER**

**Millennia**

**Alliant and Alliant SB – the next generation of GWACs**

## Clinger-Cohen Act

Enacted in 1996

Authority to award GWACs

Reporting requirements and  
oversight responsibilities



## What is a GWAC?

**A Governmentwide Acquisition Contract is defined as a task or delivery order contract for information technology.**

Contracts established by one agency for Governmentwide use  
Operated by an Executive Agency designated by the OMB  
Pursuant to Section 5112(e) of the Clinger-Cohen Act, 40 U.S.C 1412



## **GWAC Center Responsibilities**

Provide:

- Contract Management and Oversight

  - Pre-award and Post-award

  - Advice and assistance on GWAC task order scope and contract terms and conditions

## Reporting to OMB and Contract Oversight

- **Competition (number of offers received per task order)**
- **Award value**
- **Estimated value of task order for Period of Performance**
- **Socio-economic volume**
- **Exceptions to Fair Opportunity (FAR 16.505)**
- **Task order type**
  - **Fixed Price, Cost Reimbursement, Time and Material, Labor Hour**
- **Number of Task Orders Issued as Performance Based**



## **Most Frequently Asked Question:**

**“How are GSA GWACs different from Schedule 70?”**



## **GSA GWACs**

- Contracts awarded under FAR 15
- FAR 16.505 Ordering

## **Schedule 70**

- Contracts awarded under FAR 12 and 38
- FAR 8.4 Ordering



## **GSA GWACs**

- Statutory authority 5112(e) of the Clinger-Cohen Act, 40 U.S.C. 1412(e)

## **Schedule 70**

- Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41.U.S.C 251, et seq) and Title 40 U.S.C. 502, Services for Executive Agencies)

## **GSA GWACs**

- Orders not protestable (except for scope, period of performance and maximum dollar of contract)
- Ombudsman process

## **Schedule 70**

- Orders may be protested to the Contracting Officer or Government Accountability Office (GAO)

## **GSA GWACs**

- Contracting Officers must be granted Delegation of Authority and receive training

## **Schedule 70**

- Open for use by all warranted federal Contracting Officers and purchase card holders

## **GSA GWACs**

- GSA GWACs are not authorized for use by state and local government entities under Section 211 of the E-Government Act of 2002

## **Schedule 70**

- Section 211 of the E-Government Act allows for state and local government entities to purchase from GSA Schedule 70, Information Technology

## **GSA GWACs**

- Pre-qualified pool of contractors
- Ordering official does not have to perform further market research to narrow the field

## **Schedule 70**

- Ordering official researches the pool of contractors to find contractors capable of performing the specific requirement

## **GSA GWACs**

- GSA establishes labor categories

## **Schedule 70**

- Company proposes their established labor categories

## **GSA GWACs**

- Base contract period with options for extension not to exceed a pre-established number of years

## **Schedule 70**

- One five-year basic contract period and three five-year option periods



## **GSA GWACs**

- Solutions-Based

## **Schedule 70**

- Team Arrangements

## **GSA GWACs**

- Fixed Price (all types),  
Cost Reimbursement,  
Time and Material,  
Labor Hour task orders  
(depending on  
contract)

## **Schedule 70**

- Fixed Price (all types),  
Time and Material,  
and Labor Hour task  
orders

## **GSA GWACs**

- Fixed period for receipt of proposals at contract level
- May provide for “onramp” at option periods if in best interest of the government

## **Schedule 70**

- Standing solicitation

## **GSA GWACs**

- Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) not permitted

## **Schedule 70**

- BPAs may be established in accordance with FAR 8.405-3

## **GSA GWACs**

- Meets 803 requirements by providing fair opportunity to all contractors offering the required services under a multiple award contract
- DFARS 216.505-70

## **Schedule 70**

- Requires receipt of three offers or the CO determines in writing that no additional contractors can fulfill the work requirement
- DFARS 208.404-70

# Contract Vehicles

HUBZone  
8(a) STARS  
VETS  
Alliant SB (future)

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## Current Small Business GWACs

### **HUBZone – Historically Underutilized Business Zones**

Set aside for HUBZone certified firms

HUBZone Act of 1997, Title VI of P.L. 105-135 created the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program

### **8(a) STARS - Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services**

Competitive 8(a) contract

Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (P.L. 85-536) & FAR Part 19

### **New! VETS – Veterans Technology Services**

Set aside for service-disabled veteran-owned firms

Executive Order 13360

## ***New!* VETS GWAC**

Multiple award indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract for information technology solutions

Five-year base with a five-year option

Allows fixed price, time and materials, and labor hour task orders

\$5 billion program ceiling

[www.gsa.gov/vetsgwac](http://www.gsa.gov/vetsgwac)

## **VETS GWAC Scope**

Two Functional Areas (FAs):

FA 1 Systems Operations and Maintenance

FA 2 Information Systems Engineering

\*Both functional areas include IT Security Services

## VETS GWAC Customer Benefits

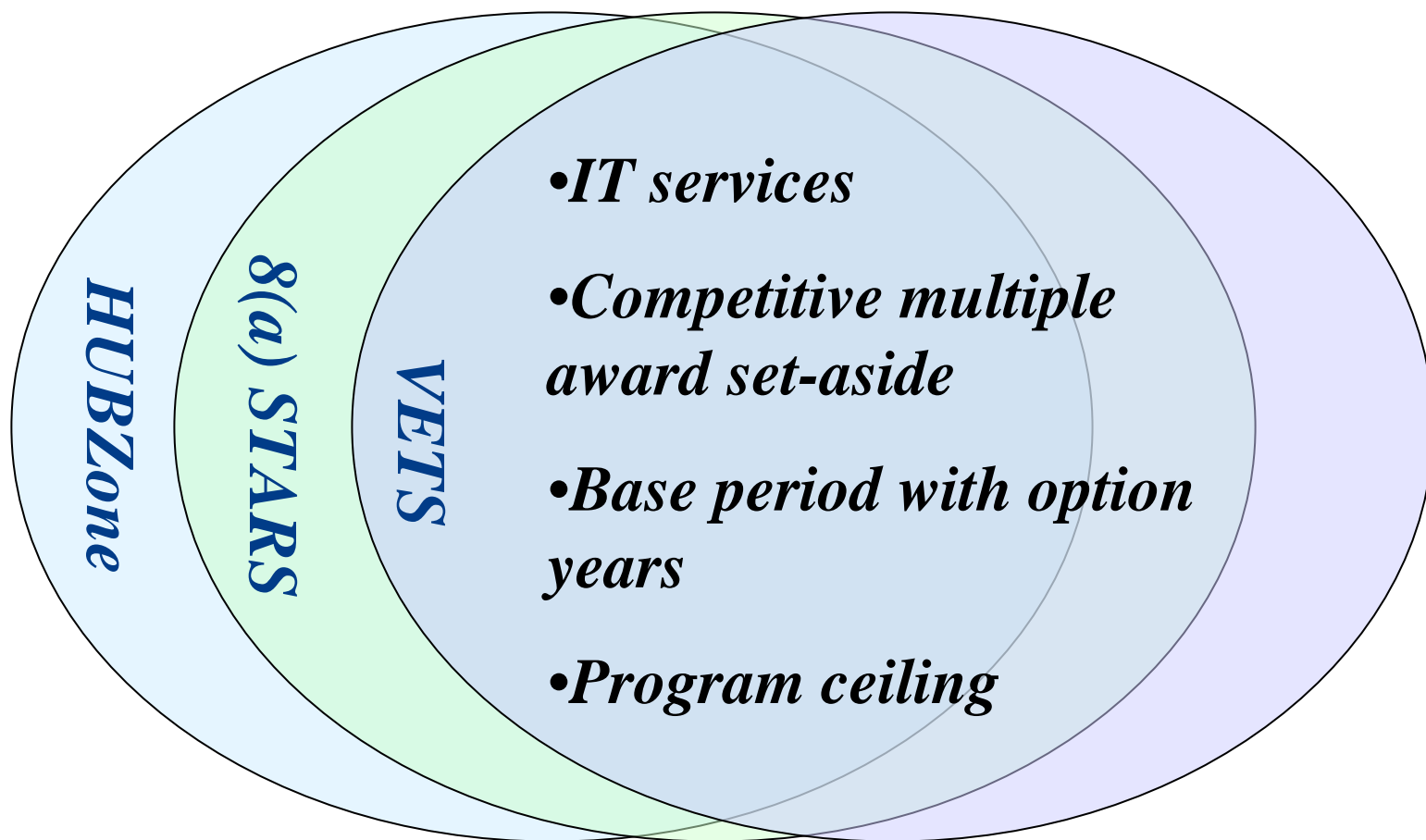
Provides a pool of highly-qualified, service-disabled veteran-owned firms to compete for agency requirements

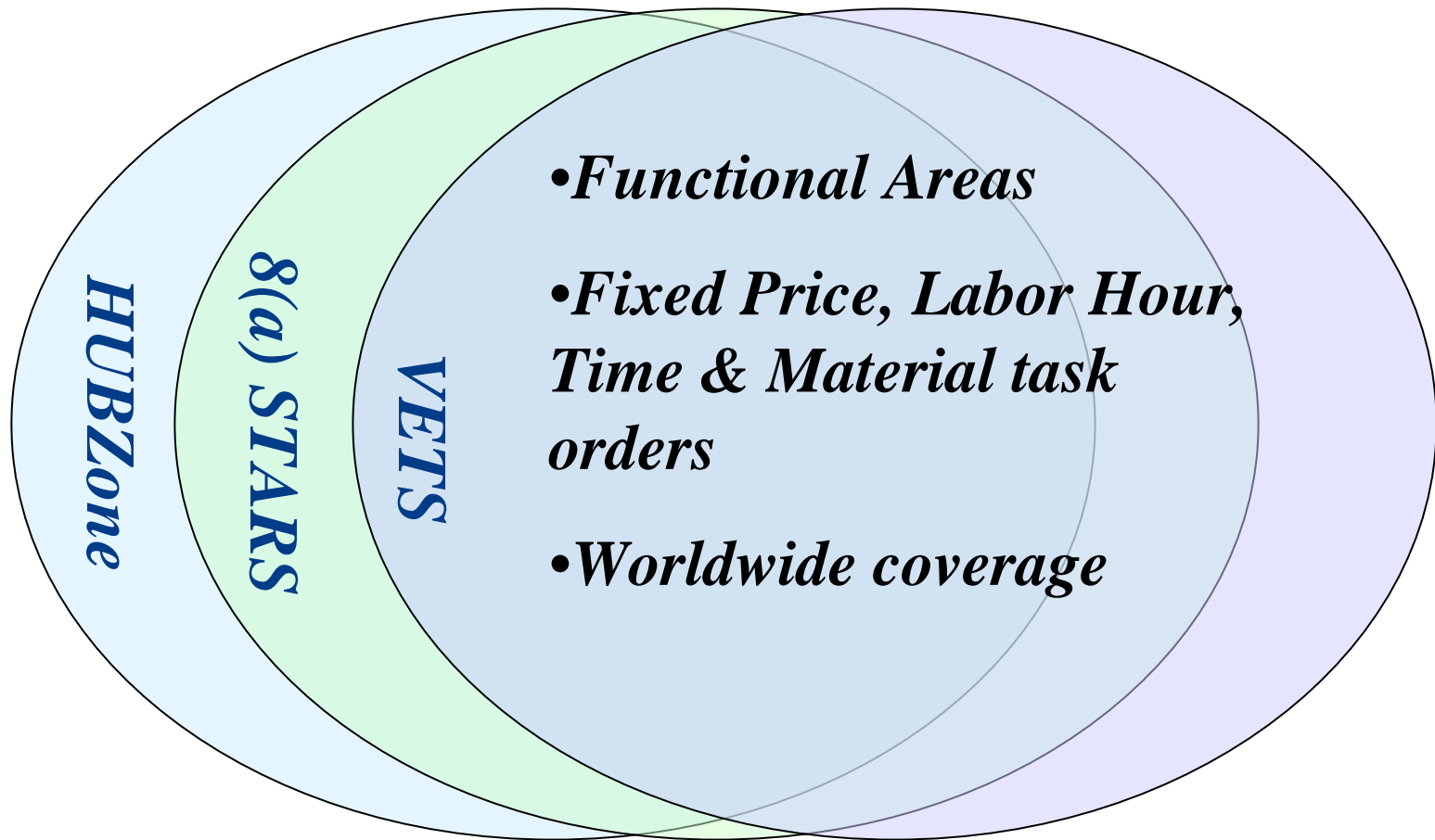
Awards include over 40 Service Disabled Veterans as well as other small business partners

Subcontracting provisions of the Veterans Act

Offers streamlined ordering procedures

Enables Federal agencies to exceed the 3% service-disabled veteran-owned socioeconomic contracting goals





## Small Business GWACs

### **HUBZone**

- 29 Industry Partners
- Contract period 2003-2008
- Fair opportunity must be provided unless exception applies

### **8(a) STARS**

- 409 Industry Partners
- Contract period 2004-2011
- Directed orders allowed up to \$3.5 million
- Fair opportunity must be used in orders in excess of \$3.5 million

### **VETS**

- 43 Industry Partners
- Awarded December 2006
- Expires 2017
- Fair Opportunity must be provided unless exception applies



## Small Business GWACs

### HUBZone

- 4 Functional Areas
- 7 to 9 contract awards in each FA
- 8 firms with task orders worth \$30.6 million
- Top 3 customers: DOJ, Navy, EPA

[www.gsa.gov/hubzone](http://www.gsa.gov/hubzone)

### 8(a) STARS

- 8 Functional Areas
- Multiple contract awards in each FA
- 234 firms with task orders worth \$716.8 million
- Top 3 customers: DoD, Army, Air Force

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### VETS

- 2 Functional Areas
- Multiple awards in each FA
- New contract

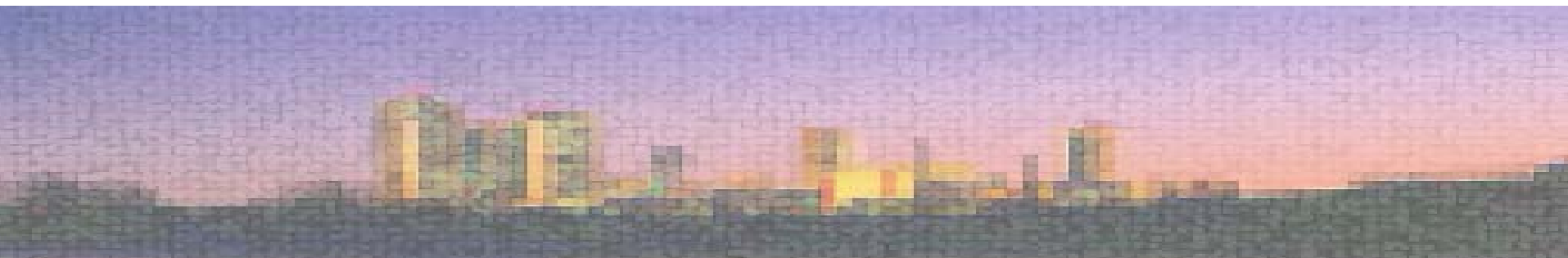
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# **Enterprise GWAC Center (Southwest)**

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## Millennia Lite Basics

Awarded April – June, 2000

Base period of three years with seven years of award term extensions available through 2010

33 industry partners with over 300 teaming partners

\$20 billion program ceiling over the ten-year contract period

251 skill levels

***[www.gsa.gov/millennialite](http://www.gsa.gov/millennialite)***

## Millennia Lite Basics

Four functional areas mirroring the IT life cycle

IT Planning, Studies and Assessment

6 contractors

High-end Information Technology Services

10 contractors

Mission Support Services

10 contractors

Legacy Systems Migration and New Enterprise  
Systems Development

10 contractors

## Millennia Lite Basics

### **As of January 31, 2007:**

1,613 task orders awarded

\$ 3.1B awarded value

\$ 8.1B estimated value (including options)

### **Top three customer agencies (awarded dollars):**

Air Force

Army

Navy

**Award term performance incentive**

**All types of task orders may be issued**

- Fixed Price, Cost Reimbursement and T&M/LH

**Service Improvement clause**

**Worldwide scope**

**MA/IDIQ contract providing a full spectrum of information technology services**

**Customized integrated IT support and solutions**



## Millennia Lite on the Web

Web address: [www.gsa.gov/millennialite](http://www.gsa.gov/millennialite)

Millennia Lite contract

Informational literature

By Functional Area:

- Skill descriptions

- Negotiated ceiling labor rates

- Contractor Points of Contact



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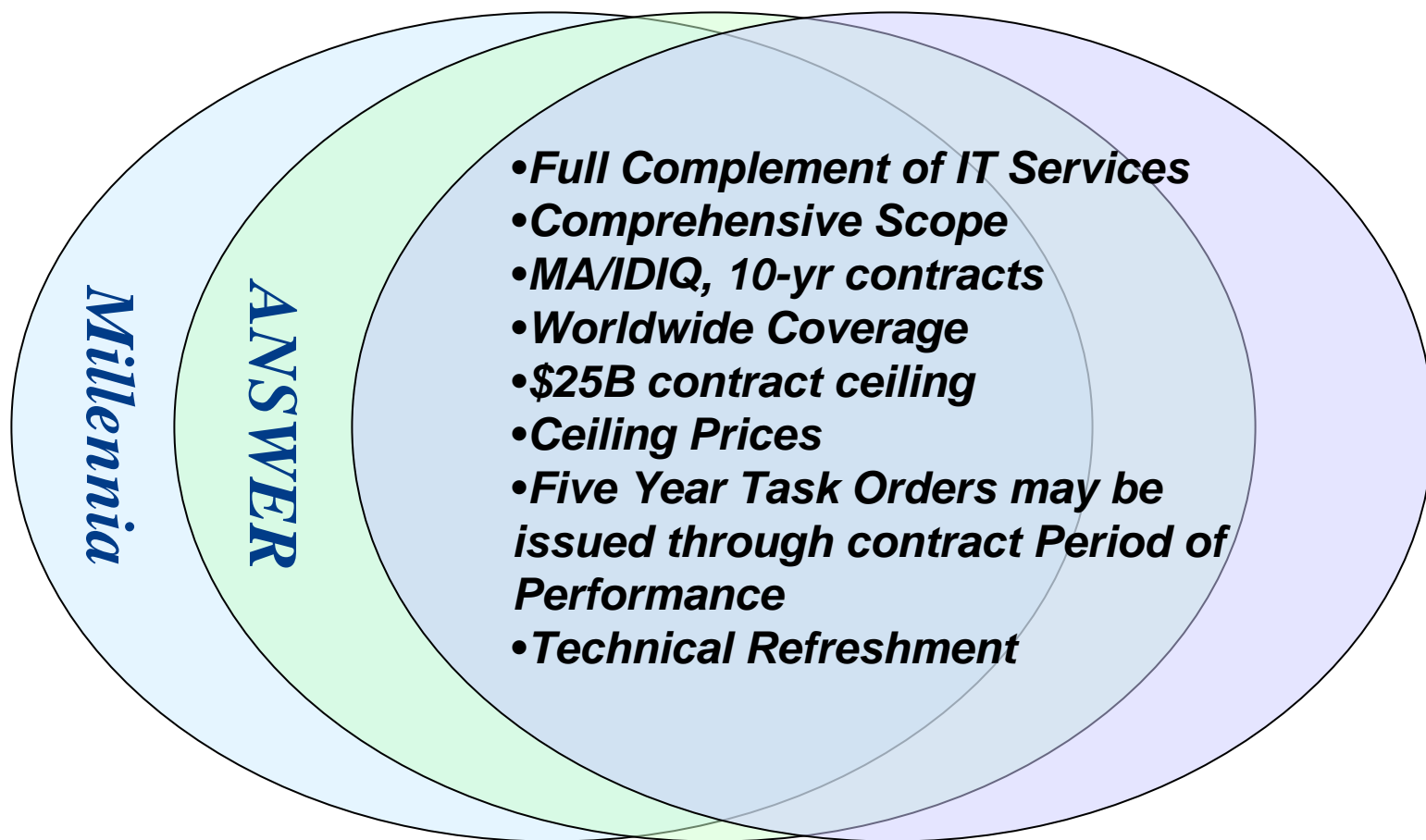
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## Enterprise GWAC Center West

### ANSWER

- Awarded 1998
- Contract P of P  
December 31, 2008
- Two year base and 8  
one year options
- 10 Industry Partners
- Fixed Price (all types)  
T&M and Labor Hour

### Millennia

- Awarded 1999
- Contract P of P April  
27, 2009
- Five year base and  
one five year option
- 9 Industry Partners
- Fixed Price and Cost  
Reimbursement (all  
types)

## Enterprise GWAC Center West

### ANSWER

- Program Manager and Group Manager
- 7 geographical rate areas
- 147 labor categories
- 40 hours of ongoing training per full time equivalent
- Contractor required to meet minimum educational and experience requirements

### Millennia

- Corporate Officer will be the overall manager of the contract
- One geographical rate nationwide
- 17 labor categories
- Contractor shall provide fully trained personnel for task orders
- IAW with FAR 39.104 minimum education & experience requirements will not be specified

## Enterprise GWAC Center West

### ANSWER

- 3392 projects
- \$5.34 obligated
- 10.08B estimated value
- Top three customers Army, Navy, Air Force

[www.gsa.gov/answer](http://www.gsa.gov/answer)

### Millennia

- 129 projects
- \$6.33B obligated
- 9.68B estimated value
- Top three customers DOD, Army, Navy

[www.gsa.gov/millennia](http://www.gsa.gov/millennia)

## Ceiling Rates

### Website

- ANSWER task order ceiling rates through 2013
  - ✓ <http://www.gsa.gov/answer> go to document library then to ceiling rates
- Millennia task order ceiling rates in process through 2014
  - ✓ Posting to website end of CY 05
  - ✓ CAF will be separate line item
  - ✓ <http://www.gsa.gov/millennia> go to document library then to labor rates

## ***Five Year Task Orders***

### **ANSWER Contract Sections**

- ✓ **F.2 Deliveries or Performance**
- ✓ **G.2.4 Task Order**
- ✓ **I.9 FAR 52.216-22**

### **– Millennia Contract Sections**

- ✓ **F.4 Period of Performance**
- ✓ **I.5 52.216-22 Indefinite Quantity (OCT 1995)**

## ***Total Solution Task Orders***

### **– ANSWER contract sections**

- ✓ **C.4.9 Other Direct Costs (ODCs)**
- ✓ **G.2.2 Task Proposal**
- ✓ **G.3.1 General Billing Information**
- ✓ **G.3.2 Payment of Invoices**
- ✓ **H.26 Other Direct Costs**

### **– Millennia contract sections**

- ✓ **H.4.2 Tools**
- ✓ **H.4.3 Other Direct Costs**

## ***Next Generation: Alliant GWACs***





## Alliant and Alliant Small Business Overview

10 Year MA/IDIQ

Five-year base, one five-year option

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

541512, Computer Systems Design Services

Ability to support regional and global IT requirements

Allows for ancillary support to include alteration and repair for integrated IT solutions

Approved accounting system adequate for determining costs applicable to the contract

## Alliant Overview

\$50 billion program ceiling

Approximately 25-30 awards

Increased small business subcontracting goals

Required top secret facility clearance

Supports various task order contract types:

- Fixed Price (FPI, FPAF)

- Cost (CPFF, CPIF, CPAF)

- Time and Material / Labor Hour

## Alliant Small Business Overview

\$15 billion program ceiling

Approximately 40 awards

Required secret facility clearance

Supports various task order contract types:

- Fixed Price (FPI, FPAF)

- Cost (CPFF, CPIF, CPAF)

- Time and Material / Labor Hour

## Alliant Advantages

- Features infrastructure, application, and IT management services
- Supports objectives of Federal Enterprise Architecture and other governmentwide policy initiatives
  - Uses framework prescribed by new IT investment budget guidance issued by OMB that promotes sharing, consolidation and reuse of business processes and systems
  - Align IT investments with agencies' mission requirements
  - Designed to minimize bundling while maximizing small business participation
- Maintains state-of-the-art technology refreshment through on-ramp and off-ramp provisions

## In Summary

GWACs offer you:

- Solutions-based IT contracts

- Pre-qualified pool of contractors

- Section 803 compliance

- Streamlined acquisitions for Task Orders (TOs)

- Full gamut of contract types

- Task orders non-protestable

**Questions?**



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