

Technology Solutions for Your Mission Requirements: 8(a) STARS

Supporting Your Mission with Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts



Introduction to 8(a) STARS

Whenever your agency requires technology services, using the 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services (STARS) Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) can provide you with high-quality solutions, as well as the knowledge that you are utilizing a small business – thereby helping achieve your agency's socioeconomic goals.

Procuring technology services using 8(a) STARS means you can be assured that a reputable small business will provide you with excellent solutions. And using 8(a) STARS enables you to conduct set-aside competitions through an established contract vehicle instead of traditional, open market methods-saving time and taxpayer money.

8(a) STARS is a multiple-award, indefinite-delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract engineered to provide cutting-edge technology solutions to federal agencies from award winning 8(a) small businesses. In its first five years of operation, 8(a) STARS assisted federal agencies worldwide in acquiring over \$1.6 billion in IT service solutions.

See the back of this publication for the features and benefits of using the 8(a) STARS GWAC.

Ordering

Prior to issuing orders under 8(a) STARS, federal contracting officers (COs) must receive training on the use of the 8(a) STARS contract and be granted a written delegation of procurement authority from the GWAC program office. Training is offered at no cost via:

- Onsite training conferences and events;
- Conference calls;
- Web or video conferences; and
- A self-paced, online course at the GSA Center for Acquisition Excellence (available at www.gsa.gov/cae).

For More Information

For further information about how the 8(a) STARS GWAC can help your agency, contact the Small Business GWAC Center at (877) 327-8732, e-mail 8a@gsa.gov, or visit www.gsa.gov/8astars.



Features	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15B program ceiling and three-year base period with two, two-year options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for long term planning of large scale program requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directed task orders up to \$3.5M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced opportunities for 8(a) firms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract types include: fixed price, labor hour, and time and material terms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits other direct costs when it is integral and necessary to the IT effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitates integrated IT solutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to exceptionally qualified 8(a) small business industry partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables federal clients to earn 8(a) small business credit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-competed, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saves time and money by reducing procurement lead time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complimentary scope compatibility reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes contract compliance and reduces risk of adverse audits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with Section 863 of National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAR 16.505 Fair Opportunity process supports best value awards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No protests on orders \$10M and below except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the GWAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimizes protest risk and supports timely order award for optimal mission support

GSA eTools

The Center for Acquisition Excellence is available free of charge 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide customer agencies and contractors with online training, including GSA GWAC information. www.gsa.gov/cae

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