# Why Contractor Assistance Visits are so much more pleasant than doctors visits.

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# What's an Industrial Operations Analyst?

- We're the ones that provide assistance to you throughout the lifetime of your contract
- We do this through our Contractor Assistance Visits

#### The IOA's Role

- > Teach healthy contract choices;
  - Interpret Certain Contract Clauses
  - Prevent Future Issues
- Identify and contractual Abnormalities;
- > Assess your contractual issues in a timely manner,
  - 1-4 hour Visits
  - Refer you to specialists when necessary

# How do you choose an IOA?

You can't.

We choose you.

# **Types of Visits**

- New Contractor Orientation
  - Within First Year
- Mid-Term
- > End-Term

#### **Contractor Assistance Visit**

- "What did I do wrong?"
- "Do I have to be there?"

## **Preparation**

- Whole GSA Contract
  - Mods
  - Pricelists
- BPAs, Teaming Agreements
- Source of Supply Documents (TAA)
- > Sales Data
- Sample of Orders
- Make a List of Questions

## **Sales Reporting**

- How good is your tracking system?
- Trade Agreements Act (TAA)
- Environmental Icons in GSA Advantage
- Scope Of Contract
- Using The Right Pricing?

## **Contractor Report Card**

- Not Punitive
- A Progress Report
- > Five Grades
- Range from Exceptional to Serious Concerns

## An apple a day...won't keep an IOA away.

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