

Do you own a small business? Are you interested in learning more about government contracting? This fact sheet provides you with essential resources and tips to prepare you for small business contracting with the federal government.

Useful Government Contracting Resources for Small Business

Resource	Website	Description
Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)	aptac-us.org/	A national network of 98 PTACs and over 300 local offices offering small businesses with a variety of services provided by procurement professionals, including classes, seminars, individual counseling, procurement history, contract specification, and more.
System for Award Management (SAM)	sam.gov	Your first step should be registering your small business with the SAM system in order to be considered for small business opportunities. Make sure to select NAICS codes applicable to your business in your SAM profile.
Small Business Administration (SBA)	sba.gov	Become familiar with the federal agency, SBA, an essential resource for small businesses in government contracting. Other services include business financing, advocacy, professional development, and technical assistance.
Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps)	fbo.gov	Locate federal contracting opportunities greater than \$25,000 in this search engine. Search by solicitation number, NAICS code, date, FSC code, and agency. For every NAICS code in your SAM profile, you may set up electronic notifications through FedBizOpps for all new opportunities tagged with that code.
FedConnect	fedconnect.net/	Register for a free account with the federal government's acquisition and grants portal. FedConnect goes beyond FedBizOpps in providing businesses with access to direct messaging with the government, participation in reverse auctions, and alerts for opportunities as well as any opportunity updates, amendments, and modifications.
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)	smallbusiness.energy.gov	Check out the DOE's "one-stop" shop for small and disadvantaged businesses. Access information such as webinars, upcoming events, blog, and news.
DOE Forecast	hqinc.doe.gov/forecast	Access public information on the forecast of future prime contracting and subcontracting opportunities, available via the DOE's major site and facilities management contractors. Sortable database with North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, program offices, opportunities, solicitations, contracting activities, release dates, and planned award dates for future and ongoing acquisitions.
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)	gsa.gov/portal/category/108067	Access resources and information for securing a GSA Schedule contract, the government's quick and effective contracting vehicle. Important for businesses looking to conduct significant business with the federal government.