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8(a) STARS III GWAC

Information Technology Solutions
for Your Mission Requirements

Introduction to 8(a) STARS III

8(a) STARS III is a multiple-award indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (MA-ID/IQ) contract designed to provide federal agencies with innovative information technology (IT) services-based solutions from award-winning 8(a) small businesses. Using 8(a) STARS III will enable you to access 8(a) firms through an established contract vehicle instead of traditional open-market methods – saving time and taxpayer money.

Contract Scope

The scope of the 8(a) STARS III Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) is centered on North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code 541512, but may include other NAICS codes that are predominately IT services. These may include, but are not limited to, 541511, 541513, 541519, and 518210. The contract offers IT services ranging from simple to complex and services-based solutions such as IT help-desk support, information assurance, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and more.

In addition to the general IT services scope, 8(a) STARS III includes two focused scope sub-areas: Emerging Technologies (ET) and OCONUS Place of Performance. 8(a) STARS III prime contractors in the ET scope sub-area have experience providing evolving state-of-the-art emerging technologies such as technological convergence, robotic process automation, autonomic computing, and more. Prime contractors in the OCONUS scope sub-area have experience providing IT services in an Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS) location.

See the other page of this publication for 8(a) STARS III, Contracting Officers (COs) must complete training on the use of the 8(a) STARS III contract and obtain a written Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) from the GSA 8(a) STARS III CO. Training is offered at no cost via:

- > Self-paced online courses
- > On-site training conferences and events
- > Web or audio conferences

Features and Benefits of 8(a) STARS III

Features

\$50 billion program ceiling and five-year base period with one three-year option

Sole-source task orders up to the 8(a) competitive threshold

Contract types include fixed-price, labor-hour, and time-and-material terms

Two focused scope sub-areas

Ancillary services and/or equipment are permitted when integral and necessary to the IT services-based solution

Access to exceptionally qualified 8(a) small-business industry partners

Pre-competes, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505

Complimentary scope compatibility reviews

No protests on orders under \$10 million, except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the GWAC

Benefits

Allows for long-term planning of large-scale program requirements

Enhances opportunities for 8(a) firms

Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk

Offers access to contractors with demonstrated experience in either emerging technology or performance in an OCONUS location

Facilitates integrated IT services-based solutions

Enables federal clients to earn small-disadvantaged business (SDB) credit

Saves time and money by reducing procurement lead time

Promotes contract compliance and reduces risk of adverse audits

Minimizes protest risk and supports timely order award for optimal mission support



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GSA Tools

GSA's **eBuy** is an online request for information (RFI) and request for proposal (RFP) tool for GWAC stakeholders.

www.gsa.gov/ebuy

GSA eLibrary is the online source for the latest contract award information for GWAC's.

www.gsa.gov/elibrary

The **GWAC Dashboard** is an interactive tool that allows GWAC stakeholders to view and segment GWAC task order award information to make better business decisions.

www.gsa.gov/gwacdashboards

The **Acquisition Gateway** is a workspace for acquisition professionals and federal buyers to connect with resources, tools, and each other to improve acquisition governmentwide.

Hallways.cap.gsa.gov/login-information

Best-in-Class

As a Best-in-Class contract, 8(a) STARS III is designated by the Office of Management and Budget as a preferred governmentwide solution.

For More Information

Visit www.gsa.gov/stars3 for the most current information on 8(a) STARS III.

You can also contact our IT Customer Service Center at 855-ITaid4U (855-482-4348) or ITCSC@gsa.gov. The phone line is open each week from Sunday at 9 p.m. to Friday at 8:30 p.m. (ET).



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