

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



Introduction to 8(a) STARS II

8(a) STARS II is a multiple-award indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (MA-ID/IQ) contract engineered to provide federal agencies with cutting-edge information technology (IT) services-based solutions from award-winning 8(a) small businesses. Using 8(a) STARS II 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 II Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) is centered on four functional areas (FAs) derived from the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The contract offers IT services ranging from simple to complex, and services-based solutions such as IT help-desk support, information assurance, cybersecurity, virtualization, IPV6, Web 2.0, and more.

The 8(a) STARS II GWAC is structured with two tiers known as constellations. Constellation I includes prime contractors who are technically proficient and offer competitive pricing. Constellation II prime contractors provide the same strengths as Constellation I, plus

the benefit of either (1) a Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level II+ services or development credential or (2) an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2008 or 9001:2015 credential.

See the back of this publication for 8(a) STARS II's features and benefits.

Ordering Information

Before issuing task orders against 8(a) STARS II, Contracting Officers (COs) must complete training on the use of the 8(a) STARS II contract and obtain a written Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) from the GSA 8(a) STARS II CO. Training is offered at no cost via:

- A self-paced online course
- On-site training conferences and events
- Web or audio conferences



Features and Benefits of 8(a) STARS II

Features	Benefits
\$15 billion program ceiling and five-year base period with one five-year option	Allows for long-term planning of large-scale program requirements
Directed task orders up to \$4 million	Enhances opportunities for 8(a) firms
Contract types include fixed-price, labor-hour, and time-and-material terms	Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk
Two constellations (a.k.a. tiers)	Offers access to a pool of contractors with additional industry credentials
Ancillary services and/or equipment are permitted when integral and necessary to the IT services-based solution	Facilitates integrated IT services-based solutions
Access to exceptionally qualified 8(a) small-business industry partners	Enables federal clients to earn 8(a) small-business credit
Pre-competed, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505	Saves time and money by reducing procurement lead time
Complimentary scope compatibility reviews	Promotes contract compliance and reduces risk of adverse audits
No protests on orders under \$10 million, except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the GWAC	Minimizes protest risk and supports timely order award for optimal mission support

GSA eTools

GSA 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 GWACs. 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. <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/login-information>

Best-in-Class

Our Best-in-Class (BIC) designated IT solutions help agencies meet the President's Management Agenda (PMA) and Cross-Agency Priority Goals related to Spend Under Management (SUM) and the use of Best-in-Class (BIC). As a Best-in-Class contract, 8(a) STARS II is designated by the Office of Management and Budget as a preferred governmentwide solution.

For More Information

To access the 8(a) STARS II ordering guide, labor rates, frequently asked questions and to learn more about how the 8(a) STARS II GWAC can help meet your agency's IT requirements, visit www.gsa.gov/8astars2 or contact us at (877) 327-8732 or S2@gsa.gov.

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).