



GSA GWAC Delegation Training

- 8(a) STARS II
- VETS 2
- Alliant 2

Presenters: Mimi Bruce, Val Carreno and Sue Cumpton

Training Agenda

- Training Objectives
- GWAC Program Responsibilities
- Accessing a GWAC
- GWAC Scope
- GWAC Ordering
- Cost or Pricing
- Tools for Ordering Offices
- GSA GWAC Websites
- Basic Contract Information
- Summary and Questions



Who We Are

- Center for GWAC Programs
 - Small Business GWAC Acquisition Division
 - Manages a diversified portfolio of 8(a), Small, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) set-aside contracts
 - Enterprise GWAC Acquisition Division
 - Manages GSA's Alliant 2 GWAC

What is a GWAC?

A Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) is defined as a task or delivery order contract for information technology.

- Established by one agency for Governmentwide use
- Operated by an Executive Agency designated by the OMB
- Not subject to the Economy Act





OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Why use a GWAC?

- **Best-in-Class-** All GSA GWACs are designated as “Best-In-Class” by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB memo 19-13 (March 2019) encourages use of BIC solutions for agency requirements.
- **Speed and Cost** —The contracts are already fully competed; projects become task orders issued against an existing GWAC contract. Procurement lead time is drastically reduced compared to conventional contracting methods.
- **Flexibility** — Agencies can issue GWAC orders using their own staff, or use GSA's Office of Assisted Acquisition Services to place orders on their behalf.
- **Wide Range of Contract Types** — GWACs provide a full range of contract types, i.e., fixed price, cost reimbursement, time and material, labor hour or hybrid-blend (contract type availability varies by contract). Alliant 2 allows for requirements type contracting.
- **Low Fee** – The contract access fee (CAF) is only $\frac{3}{4}$ of one percent (.0075) to be applied to the total price for contractor performance as billed to the government. Payment is remitted by the contractor to GSA.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Additional GWAC Features

- **Worldwide Geographic Coverage** — GWACs may be used for solutions needed anywhere in the world.
- **Highly Qualified Industry Partners** — GWACs provide access to a premier industry partner pool which has undergone a stringent selection process. Our industry partners offer innovative technology solutions and expertise on federal agency requirements.
- **Socioeconomic Credit** — The Small Business GWACs provide agencies with access to qualified small businesses and associated socioeconomic credit.
- **Limited Protestability** — Protests are not authorized on task orders under \$10 million except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period of performance, or maximum value of the GWAC.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Program Responsibilities



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Program Responsibilities

- Advise customers and contractors on proper use of GWACs
 - Conduct DPA training and issue DPA to OCO
 - Conduct outreach and education
 - Conduct program meetings with contractors
 - Maintain resources on GWAC websites
- Perform risk mitigation and contractor oversight
 - Conduct pre-award scope reviews upon request
 - Monitor subcontracting at the Basic Contract level



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Program Responsibilities *continued*

- Manage contract compliance
 - Conduct post award scope reviews
- Report annually to Office of Management and Budget
 - Assessment of client satisfaction
 - Competition on orders
 - Cumulative number and total dollar value of orders
 - Number and value of performance based orders
- Complete basic contract closeout



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Accessing a GWAC



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

What is an Interagency Acquisition?

- An Interagency Acquisition is the procedure by which an agency needing supplies or services (Funding Agency) obtains them using another agency's contract (Servicing Agency), the acquisition assistance of another agency (Servicing Agency), or both
- A Best Procurement Approach is no longer required when using an Interagency Acquisition vehicle¹. Individual agency policy may apply.

1. Section 875 of the John S. McCain NDAA for FY 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232) amended section 865 of the Duncan Hunter NDAA for FY 2009 (Pub. L. 110– 417) to remove the requirement for agencies to make a determination that the use of an interagency acquisition represents the best procurement approach. Effective June 5, 2019. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-05-06/pdf/2019-06625.pdf>



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Options for Accessing a GWAC

- Direct Acquisition
 - Requesting/Funding Agency conducts acquisition and administers the order
- Assisted Acquisition
 - Servicing Agency conducts acquisition and administers the order on behalf of the Funding Agency for a fee



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Scope



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Scope

- Task orders may be customized to meet the full range of IT service solutions
- Regardless of which GWAC that is used, IT Services-based solutions may include ancillary non-IT components if those components are both integral and necessary to accomplishing the IT solution



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Scope *continued*

➤ Ancillary Support

- Ancillary Services (i.e. clerical support; training; construction, alteration and repair, etc.) ***must be integral and necessary*** for the IT services-based solution
- Ancillary Equipment (hardware, software, licenses, racks, mounts, etc.) may be purchased ***if integral and necessary*** for the IT services-based solution
- Telecommunications, Wireless, and Satellite products and services may be purchased as part of an overall IT services-based solution.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Scope *continued*

- The ***sole purpose of the requirement may not be*** for a commodity (land mobile radios) or commodity-like service (i.e. transport services - wireless connectivity)
- Leasing of Real and Personal Property
 - The Government ***will not*** be the lessee and it ***will not*** be liable for cancellation fees should an option not be exercised
 - Furthermore, the use of lease-like (incremental) payment arrangements to purchase items, which purport to permit the Government to receive delivery of items and then pay for the full cost of the items over time, ***are not*** permitted



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Scope *continued*

- Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity, Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) and Letter Contracts **are not** permissible order types
 - Fair opportunity to be considered is required



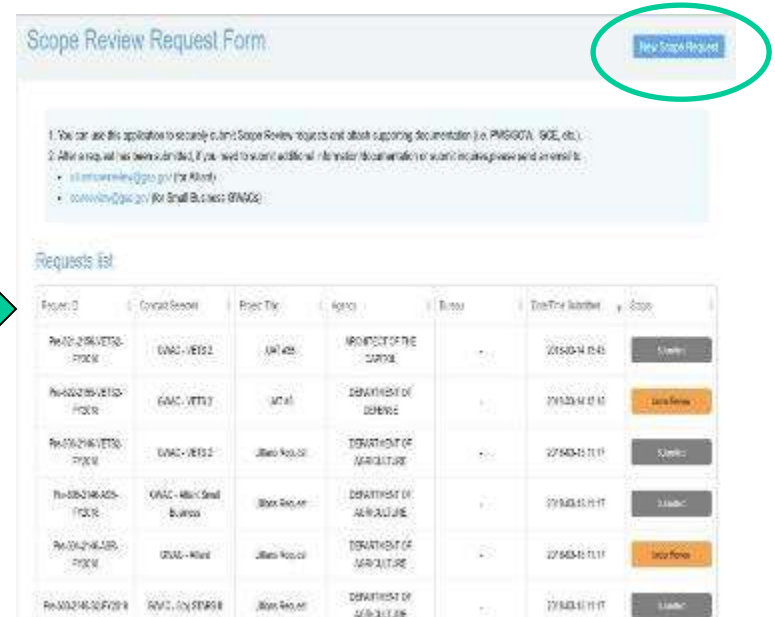
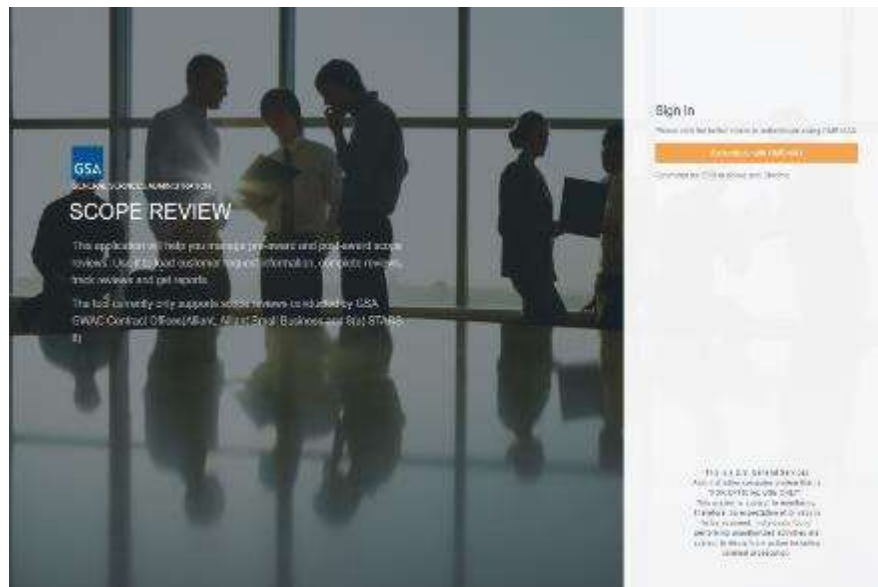
OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Pre Award Scope Review

- Free & Optional Scope Review
- Review Team
 - Comprised of technical & contracting professionals
 - Provides a written response (5 business days or less)
- No Commitment

Pre Award Scope Review continued

- New – Online Scope Review Request Form
 - www.gsa.gov/gwacscopereview





OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

GWAC Ordering



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Fair Opportunity

- OCO must provide each awardee a fair opportunity to be considered for each order exceeding \$3,500 unless a statutory exception is invoked
 - Statutory exceptions [FAR 16.505(b)(2)(i)]
 - Urgency (fair opportunity causes unacceptable delays)
 - Unique capability (only one awardee can meet requirements)
 - Logical follow-on (sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency)Provided all awardees allotted fair opportunity consideration on original award
 - Necessity to satisfy a minimum guarantee
 - A statute expressly authorizes or requires that the purchase be made from a specified source (i.e., for orders exceeding SAT)
 - Set aside orders for any of the small business concerns identified in FAR 19.000(a)(3)



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Exceptions to Fair Opportunity

- Written justification and approval is required
 - Justification must be documented IAW FAR 16.505(b)(2)(ii)(A-B) and agency guidance
 - Approval level is based on dollar amount of order IAW FAR 16.505(b)(2)(ii)(C)(1-4)
 - No justification needed for FAR 19.000(a)(3) exception (F), set asides
- Posting requirements for orders above the SAT
 - A notice must be published after placing an order exceeding the SAT per FAR 16.505(b)(2)(ii)(D)(1) or (3)
 - Notice must be published IAW FAR 5.301
 - Notice must be publicly available for a minimum of 30 days at the GPE, <http://www.fedbizopps.gov> IAW 16.505(b)(2)(ii)(D)(2)
 - Posting is subject to FOIA exemptions [See FAR 16.505(b)(2)(ii)(D)(4)]
 - Posting is not applicable if it will compromise national security, create other security risks or for a small business set-aside under paragraph (F)



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Ordering

- The OCO may exercise broad discretion in developing appropriate order placement procedures
 - Provide each contractor a Fair Opportunity to be Considered for each order* per FAR 16.505 unless an exception to fair opportunity exists (no BPAs)
 - Streamlined ordering methods per FAR 16.505
 - FAR Part 15.3 source selection approach is discretionary
 - Oral proposals may be utilized
 - A multiphased approach may be implemented

*8(a) STARS II allows for directed orders up to \$4.0 million



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Ordering continued

- Task Orders Exceeding \$5.5 Million
 - A notice of the order that includes a clear statement of the agency's requirements
 - A reasonable response period
 - Disclosure of the significant factors and subfactors, including cost or price, that the agency expects to consider in evaluating proposals, and their relative importance
 - Where award will be made on a best value basis, a written statement documenting the basis for evaluation and the relative importance of quality and price or cost factors
 - An opportunity for a postaward debriefing.

IAW FAR 16.505(b)(1)(iv)



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Ordering continued

- Clauses from Basic Contract flow down to the order
- Additional clauses may be included at the order level:
 - Agency-specific clauses and/or additional FAR clauses
 - FAR Part 12, if applicable
 - Special or unique requirements (e.g., Wage Rate Requirements (construction), Service Contract Labor Standards, etc.)
 - Tailored Basic Contract clauses and/or provisions from Basic Contract



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Ordering continued

➤ Consent to Subcontract

- No subcontractors were approved as part of the award process for the Basic Contract
- Contractors must comply with FAR 52.244-2 and FAR 44.2 if implemented at task order level



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Cost or Pricing



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Cost or Pricing for All Orders

- OCOs must evaluate cost or price and determine the overall price to be fair and reasonable using policies and methods in FAR 15.4 for all orders, ***irrespective of contract type used.***
- When adequate price competition exists, ***generally*** no additional information is necessary to determine the reasonableness of price.
- In accordance with FAR 15.403-1(b)(1), adequate price competition prohibits OCOs from obtaining Certified Cost or Pricing Data



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Cost Reimbursement Orders (not applicable for 8(a) STARS II)

- Cost type contracts require further consideration of cost allowability, allocability and realism per the FAR and customer agency policy.
- Cost Realism - proposed cost elements are realistic for the work to be performed; reflect a clear understanding of the requirements; and are consistent with offeror's technical proposal
- FAR compliant Cost Realism analysis shall be performed in evaluating quotes and proposals for all cost reimbursement orders to determine the most probable cost of performance



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

T&M/LH Labor Rates

- Basic Contract provides the competitive Loaded Hourly Labor Rates within CONUS for T&M/LH type Orders only
- Subcontractor rates were not evaluated
- No labor rates are provided for OCONUS requirements
(See Department of State URL: <http://www.state.gov/m/a/als/>)
- Basic contract rates may also be used for developing IGCEs



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

T&M / Labor Hour Rates

- Deviations from established hourly labor rates
 - Generally, the rates should not be exceeded
 - However, the OCO is authorized to establish different hourly rates suited to meet the ordering agency's unique requirements such as: geographic location or security clearances and;
 - Contractors shall explain in their order proposals any loaded hourly labor rates that exceed the rates in the Basic Contract



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

T&M/LH Considerations

➤ Unique Professional Skills

- Professional skills that do not have an appropriate labor category or rate established in Basic Contract for a T&M or LH task
- Contractor may propose and OCO may accept a new labor category and negotiate an appropriate rate at the Order level—OCO is the determining authority



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Tools for Ordering Offices



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Tools for Ordering Offices

➤ GWAC Websites

- GWAC Main Page www.gsa.gov/gwacs
- 8(a) STARS II www.gsa.gov/8astars2
- VETS 2 www.gsa.gov/VETS2
- Alliant 2 www.gsa.gov/alliant2

- For a full understanding of the GSA GWACs, please review the above websites to access an ordering guide and full contract.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

OCO Tools

- GSA GWAC On-line Resources
 - Full contract copy
 - GWAC ordering guide
 - Ceiling pricing for Labor/T&M Hour tasks
 - GWAC dashboard

- GSA e-Buy- www.ebuy.gsa.gov
 - Online RFQ tool
 - RFQ handled electronically
 - Ensures transmittal of requirements



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

OCO Tools Cont.

- Acquisition Gateway – <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov>
 - The Solutions Finder acquisition tool
 - A SOW/PWS/SOO Library
 - Prices paid information
 - Articles that may be useful for market research
 - An interactive community to share your thoughts and information
- Optional Scope Review- www.gsa.gov/gwacscopereview
- Assistance with Market Research
 - GWAC Dashboard
 - Capability Statement Request Templates



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Basic Contract Information



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

8(a) STARS II



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

The 8(a) STARS II contract features:

- Provides Federal Government agencies with total integrated information technology (IT) solutions and support services capable of addressing ever evolving technological and business needs on a worldwide scale
- Includes all ancillary support services, supplies and construction that are integral and necessary to the total integrated solution, Pre-defined Labor Categories
- Socio-Economic credit for Funding Agency
- Ability to award Directed orders up to \$4.5 million



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Basic Contract Information

CATEGORY

	8(a) STARS II
Master Contract NAICS Codes	<p>Four Functional Areas/ Two Constellations (tiers) Functional Areas: FA1: Custom Computer Programming Services - NAICS 541511 FA2: Computer Systems Design Services - NAICS 541512 FA3: Computer Facilities Management Services - NAICS 541513 FA4: Other Computer Related Services - NAICS 541519</p> <p>Constellation Areas: Constellation I: Evaluated, Qualified, Highly Proficient Vendors Constellation II*: Vendors hold one of these specific industry credentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMMI Level II+ (services or development) • ISO 9001:2008 or ISO 9001:2015 <p>*Agency must have valid need to access Constellation II vendors</p>
8(a) STARS II Program Ceiling	\$22 billion, Recently increased
Term of Master Contract	Five-year base ordering period, plus one five-year option period
Master Contract Ordering Period and Option	August 31, 2011 to August 30, 2016 -Base August 31, 2016 to August 30,2021 -Option
Task Order Period of Performance	Orders placed before July 1, 2020: PoP through August 30, 2024 Orders placed on or after July 1, 2020: PoP through June 30, 2022



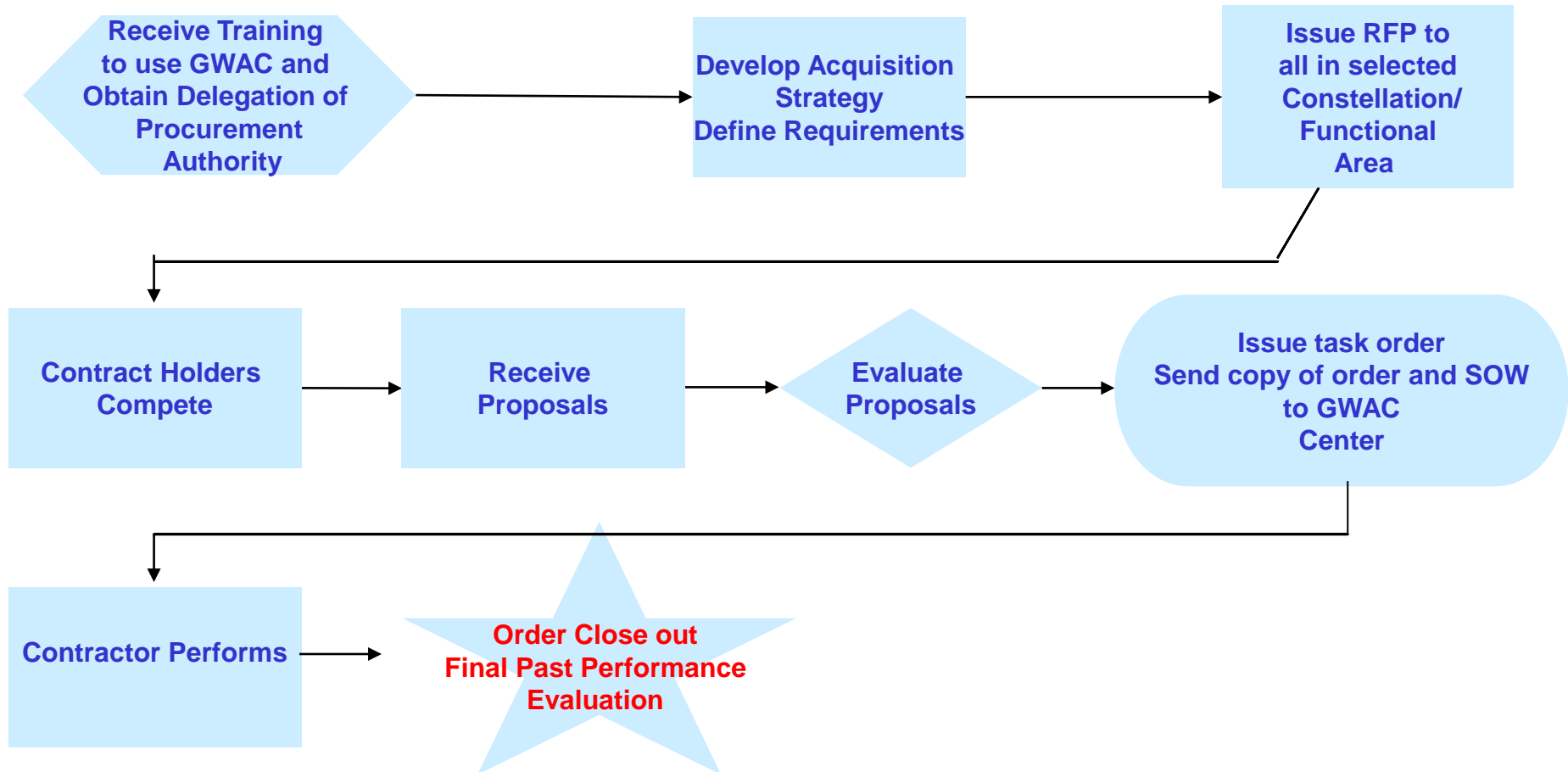
OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Basic Contract Information

	8(a) STARS II
Contract Types Allowed	Fixed-Price, Time & Materials, Labor Hour, Hybrid or any combination of these contract types.
Socioeconomic Credit	8(a) credit is available at the Task Order level.
Number of 8(a) STARS II Contract Holders	787
Limitations on Subcontracting	The contractor is responsible for performing at least 50% of the cost of the contract incurred for personnel with its own employees.
Consent to Subcontract	No subcontractors are approved as part of the award process for the Master Contract. Contractor's must comply with FAR 52.244-2 and FAR 44.2 as applicable.
Contract Access Fee	The CAF rate, which is currently 0.75%, is applied to the total amount paid on each invoice



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Competitive Ordering Process **CATEGORY**





OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

VETS 2



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

VETS 2 Master Contract

Master Contract NAICS Code	541512 – Computer Systems Design Services, task order scope is not limited to this NAICS Code.
VETS 2 Program Ceiling (B.4)	\$5 billion
Term of Master Contract (F.2)	Five-year base ordering period, plus one five-year option period
Master Contract Ordering Period and Option	February 23, 2018 to February 22, 2023 -Base February 23, 2023 to February 22, 2028 -Option
Task Order Period of Performance (F.3)	Orders may extend up to ten (10) years, inclusive of options, from the date that the Order is placed.
Contract Types Allowed	Fixed-Price, Cost-Reimbursement, Time & Materials, Labor Hour, Hybrid or any combination of these contract types.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

VETS 2 Master Contract

Socioeconomic Credit	SDVOSB credit is available at the Task Order level.
Number of VETS 2 Contract Holders	69
Limitations on Subcontracting (G.16.1)	The contractor is responsible for performing at least 50% of the cost of the contract incurred for personnel with its own employees, or employees of other service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns
Consent to Subcontract (G.16)	No subcontractors are approved as part of the award process for the Master Contract. Contractor's must comply with FAR 52.244-2 and FAR 44.2 as applicable.
Contract Access Fee	The CAF rate, which is currently 0.75%, is applied to the total amount paid on each invoice



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

VETS 2 Scope

- IT Solution Examples*
 - Data Management
 - Information and Communications Technology
 - IT Operations and Maintenance
 - IT Security
 - Software Development
 - Systems Design
 - New and Emerging Technologies

*Examples are not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather general indications of the types of services within a given solution. See Section C of the contract for additional information.

Additional VETS 2 Ordering Guidance

- Individual task orders may require facility security clearances and/or a cost accounting system that has been determined adequate by a Cognizant Federal Agency.
 - Unless specified otherwise by the OCO, only those industry partners that meet these requirements may compete for individual task orders.
 - The OCO has broad discretion.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Alliant 2



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

The Alliant 2 contract:

- Provides Federal Government agencies with total integrated information technology (IT) solutions and support services capable of addressing ever evolving technological and business needs on a worldwide scale
- Includes all ancillary support services, supplies and construction that are integral and necessary to the total integrated solution (see further discussion under labor categories)
- Supports all current, leading edge and/or emerging IT services; and
- Maintains an “*Anything IT Services, Anywhere*” philosophy



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Master Contract Information

	Alliant 2
Primary NAICS Code (K.2)	541512 – Computer Systems Design Services
Program Ceiling (B.4)	\$50 billion
Term of Master Contract (F.2)	Five-year base ordering period, plus one five-year option period
Contract Ordering Period and Option	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Master Contract Information – Cont'd

	Alliant 2
Task Order Period of Performance (F.3)	Maximum order period is up to ten (10) years. Orders may extend no more than five (5) years beyond the expiration of the Master Contract.
Contract Access Fee (CAF) (B.14 & Attach G.21 & J-6)	The CAF is $\frac{3}{4}$ of one percent (.0075) to be applied to the total price for contractor performance as billed to the government. Payment is made by the contractor. NOTE: CAF Must be a separate Line item regardless of contract type



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Master Contract Information- Cont'd

	Alliant 2
Contract Types (B.10.1 through B.9.1)	Fixed-Price, Cost-Reimbursement, Time & Materials, Labor Hour & Requirements Contract Type
Minimum Order Threshold (I.6)	Contractors are not obligated to furnish supplies and services for Orders less than \$1 Million
Maximum Order Threshold (I.6)	Contractors are not required to honor an Order in excess of \$1 billion per year



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Master Contract Information – Cont'd

	Alliant 2
Limitations on Subcontracting (FAR 52.219-14) applies to small business acquisition vehicles only	Not applicable
Security Clearances (H.8)	Master Contracts pre-established labor categories and associated maximum rates cover work at the classified Secret level; however OCOs have the flexibility to customize their security requirements to the appropriate level of security required by their order.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Master Contract Information – Cont'd

	Alliant 2
Small Business Credit	Yes. Credit at subcontract level provided to requesting agency. Master Contract contains a 50% Small Business Subcontracting Goal. At the Task Order Level the OCOs can determine their individual small business subcontracting goal.
Protests	Protests on orders \leq \$10M not allowed except on the grounds the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the GWAC
Number of GWAC Holders	46



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Labor Categories (LCATs)



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Master Contract Information

	Alliant 2
Labor Category Types	Three (3) Labor Category Types <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard IT Service• Non-Standard IT Service• Ancillary Service All Labor Category Types <u>Shall Apply</u> To T&M, L-H Contract Types, Task Orders and CLINS
Standard IT Service Labor Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 Standard IT Service LCATs• Each Standard IT Service LCAT contains 4 Skill Levels: Junior, Journeyman, Senior, SME
Non-Standard IT Service and Ancillary Service Labor Categories	Any labor category that does not fit within the Standard IT Service LCATs is not authorized for use on Task Orders without approval from the OCO awarding the Task Order.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Standard IT Service Labor Category

	Description
Standard IT Service Labor Category	<p>31 Standard IT Labor Categories</p> <p>Subset of the Standard Occupational Classifications (SOCs) issued by the Department of Labor (DOL) Bureau, Labor Statistics Division</p> <p>Each Standard IT Service LCAT contains four (4) skill levels: Junior, Journeyman, Senior, SME.</p>
Application	<p>The Standard IT Service LCATs contains a comprehensive list of IT Service LCATs required to meet all information technology service based requirements. Therefore, <u>every effort shall be made</u> by the OCOs and Contractors to use the Standard IT Service LCATs.</p>



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Non-Standard IT Service Labor Category

	Description
Non-Standard IT Service Labor Category	This labor category type includes any IT Service labor category that is not listed within the Standard IT Service LCATs. A Non-standard IT Service LCAT must be approved by the Ordering Contracting Officer (OCO) at the Task Order level.
Application	<p>Any labor category that does not fit within the Standard IT Service LCATs is not authorized for use on Task Orders without approval from the OCO awarding the Task Order.</p> <p>IT Service LCATs that addresses new and emerging occupations for which the LCAT functional titles/descriptions may not correlate to any of the DOL SOC matches, or may not be widely available throughout Industry, are characteristics of Non-standard IT LCATs.</p>



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Ancillary Service Labor Category

	Alliant 2
Ancillary Service Labor Category	This labor category does not include any of the defined Standard IT Service LCATs or Non-Standard IT Service LCATs.
Application	Use of the non-IT ancillary service LCATs must be: (1) integral and necessary; (2) part of a total integrated solution within the scope of the Master Contract; and (3) not a labor category specified in the Master Contract. Note: The Contractor should propose and identify each ancillary support service separately and the OCO should identify each ancillary support service by a separate CLIN on the Task Order award.
Considerations	The OCO will ensure that additional labor categories are in compliance with Service Contract Labor Standards and Wage Rate Requirements (Construction), and, where applicable, include appropriate clauses and wage determinations.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Labor Category Application to Contract Type

Application of LCAT Type to Contract Type	
Time and Material (T&M) and Labor Hour (L-H) contracts	All Labor Category Types (Standard IT, Non-Standard IT, Ancillary) <u>shall always apply</u> to T&M and L-H contract type, Task Orders and CLINS in Task Orders.
All other contract types (Non-T&M or L-H contracts)	Any Labor Category Type <u>may be applied</u> to Non-T&M or L-H contracts at the full discretion of the OCO. This includes Cost-Reimbursement and Fixed-Price Task Orders or CLINS in Task Orders with multiple contract types.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Alliant 2 Features

➤ Contractor Engagement

- Promotes, provides, and ensures that those federal agencies employing the A2 GWAC are consistently receiving adequate and effective competition in response to their RFPs/RFQs
- Encourages responsibly prepared Contractor proposals/quotes to help provide best value solutions
- Helps to mitigate one bid/single award task orders performance metric met by A2 contractors in support of achieving effective competition
- Will be part of Contractors Performance Assessment and may lead to termination of the Master Contract if not met on an annual basis



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Alliant 2 Features

- Small Business Credit
 - Individual subcontracting plans are managed at the Master Contract Level by GWAC staff
 - Subcontract plans are not required at the Task Order level
 - Agency OCO establishes small business goals at the Order level
 - Agency receives subcontract socioeconomic credit (inputted by contractor through ESRS)

Alliant 2 Features

➤ DFAR Clause Matrix Added

- DoD FAR Supplement (DFARS) mandatory clauses have been incorporated into the Master Contract (**Attachment J-1**).
- If applicable, these clauses may automatically flow down, but recommend attaching J-1 to task order
 - Alternate and supplemental provisions and clauses from Command-specific and/or DoD Component levels are not included. They may be incorporated by the ordering agency into specific task order solicitations and resulting orders



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Summary



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Summary

- Comprehensive IT services and IT services-based solutions
- Pre-qualified pools of premier contractors
- Pre-competed, flexible, easy-to-use contracts that reduce procurement lead times
- A full spectrum of contract types



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Summary

- Socioeconomic credit for federal clients is available under the small business GWACs
- Limited protestability up to \$10M (FAR 16.505(a)(10))
- Contract training and exceptional client support from knowledgeable and experienced GSA team



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY

Next Steps- Request your DPA

- Visit www.gsa.gov/gwacs
- Under the heading of “How to Use GWACs”, click on “Request a Delegation of Procurement Authority”
- Fill in online form, click Submit button
- GWAC Office sends Memorandum of Agreement, usually within 72 hours

GOVERNMENTWIDE ACQUISITION CONTRACTS

> Overview

How to Use GWACs

8(a) STARS II

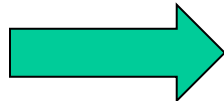
Alliant 2

Alliant 2 Small Business

VETS 2 (SDVOSB)

GWAC Dashboards

Expired GWACs



Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs)

New! DoD recently issued a memo (May 2018) endorsing the use of the GSA GWACs. Read the memo [here](#) [PDF - 337 KB].

The [GWAC Prices Paid Tool](#) is now available on Data to Decisions (D2D), a government-wide analytics platform! The [GWAC Prices Paid Tool](#) provides federal agency users with a detailed view into how their IT dollars are spent on the GSA GWACs. If you are a federal government employee, follow the [instructions](#) [210 KB - PDF] provided and register with OMB Max and D2D today!

Overview



The federal government can buy cost-effective, innovative solutions for information technology (IT) requirements through Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs).

GWACs provide access to IT solutions such as:

- Systems design;
- Software engineering;
- Information assurance; and
- Enterprise architecture solutions.

All GSA GWACs are designated as *Best-in-Class* contract solutions and small business set-aside GWACs also provide socioeconomic credit.

8(a) STARS II

The [8\(a\) STARS II GWAC](#) offers access to highly qualified, certified 8(a) small disadvantaged businesses. The contract has a \$12 Billion program ceiling with a five-year base period and one five-year option.

IT Customer Support

[Chat Now!](#)

Call: 855-482-4348

Hours for live chat and calls:
Sun 8 p.m. - Fri 8:30 p.m. CST

Email: ITCSC@gsa.gov

[Other ways to get support >>](#)

GET UPDATES

Get email updates when this page changes

WHAT IS A GWAC?

A Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) is a pre-competted, multiple-award, indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract that agencies can use to buy total IT solutions.

GREAT GOVERNMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY BLOG

[Access to Innovation Made Easy \(3/26/19\)](#)

[Recent Successes Inspire Our Way Forward \(12/27/18\)](#)

TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- [IT Security](#)
- [IT Hardware](#)
- [IT Services](#)
- [IT Software](#)

GOVERNMENTWIDE ACQUISITION CONTRACTS

Overview

How to Use GWACs

Attend Training

Request Procurement Authority

Issue the Task Order

Request an Optional Scope Review

Request an Optional Capabilities Statement

Report Contract Actions

Review Past Performance

8(a) STARS II

Alliant 2

Alliant 2 Small Business

VETS 2 (SDVOSB)

GWAC Dashboards

Expired GWACs

Request a GWAC Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA)

Warranted contracting officers (a contracting officer appointed pursuant to FAR 1.603) must fill out this form to request a Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA), which allows direct access to our GWACs:

The DPA clearly delineates the roles and responsibilities between the GSA contracting officer and the ordering contracting officer, and complies with the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) executive agent designation to GSA.

DPA requestors must provide a .gov or .mil email address. Requestors who do not have a .gov or .mil email address must submit a copy of their warrant as a federal contracting officer to delegations before it will be considered.

Before requesting a DPA

Before you can request a DPA, you must:

- Attend training, and
- Review the corresponding Delegation of Procurement Authority Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for each GWAC you want to use:
 - All GSA GWACs [DOCX - 48 KB]
 - 8(a) STARS II GWAC [DOCX - 45 KB]
 - Alliant 2 GWAC [DOCX - 44 KB]
 - VETS 2 GWAC [DOCX - 46 KB]

Please note: If you are requesting your DPA following a review of the ordering guide or an all-GWAC delegation training session, you may select the box to request a delegation for "All Active GSA GWACs".

After requesting a DPA

- GSA will review the form and initiate the DPA;
- You should receive DPA confirmation within two business days, and
- After receiving the confirmation, you will be able to issue task orders on the selected GWAC(s).

IT Customer Support

Chat Now!

Call: 855-482-4348

Hours for live chat and calls:
Sun 8 p.m. - Fri 8:30 p.m. CST

Email: ITCSC@gsa.gov

[Other ways to get support >>](#)

GWAC DIVISION CONTACTS

Questions about the Alliant 2 GWAC:

877-534-2208
alliant2@gsa.gov

Questions about the Alliant GWAC:

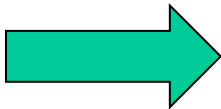
877-534-2208
alliant@gsa.gov

Questions about the 8(a) STARS II, VETS 2 and/or Alliant 2 Small Business GWACs:

877-327-8732
sbgwac@gsa.gov

WHAT IS A GWAC?

A Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) is a pre-competit, multiple-award, indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract that agencies can use to buy total IT solutions.



After requesting a DPA

agencies can use to buy total IT solutions.

- GSA will review the form and initiate the DPA;
- You should receive DPA confirmation within two business days, and
- After receiving the confirmation, you will be able to issue task orders on the selected GWAC(s).

Fields with an asterisk are required.

First name*

Middle initial

Last name*

Address*

City*

State*

- Select -

Zip code*

Email*

Phone number*

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Fax number

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Agency*

- Select -



required fields.

All Active GSA GWACs

Select your training method*

- Select -

Date you completed delegation training*:

MM/DD/YYYY

(a) STARS II

Select your training method*

- Select -

Date you completed delegation training*:

MM/DD/YYYY

Alliant 2

Select your training method*

- Select -

Date you completed delegation training*:

MM/DD/YYYY

NETS 2

Select your training method*

- Select -

Date you completed delegation training*:

MM/DD/YYYY

Do you need assistance with a current or future IT requirement?*

Yes No

Representations: I represent that I am the individual whose information appears above.*

Yes No

By completing and submitting this request, I accept and agree to the terms of the delegation of procurement authority identified in the applicable Delegation of Procurement Authority Memorandum of Agreement(s) (MOAs) and will fulfill the roles and responsibilities identified therein.*

Yes No



Center for GWAC Program Resources

Small Business GWAC Acquisition Division (877) 327-8732

Center E-mail: sbgwac@gsa.gov

Center Website: www.gsa.gov/gwacs

Enterprise GWAC Acquisition Division (877) 534-2208

Alliant 2 E-mail: alliant2@gsa.gov

Center Website: www.gsa.gov/gwacs

Questions

