

## Answered questions from the June 9 Awards Exploration Tool Webinar

### Important Note

A period "." in the *Answer* field means it was answered during the session. When the video is posted users can hear the answers played back.

### Recorded Session YouTube Link

<https://youtu.be/KFliG44G404>

### Questions answered post-presentation

#### Question

#### Answer

What is the download size limit?

There are Excel size limitations as well as processing limitations in the export. Running large, government wide exports will create processing burdens that may result in a timeout. We recommend tailoring your search criteria to ensure optimized data exports.

Will all of the new NAICS/Categories be added/mapped for the Consolidated Schedule/

Categories are defined by Product Service Code. Any awards on the new Consolidated Schedule will include PSC and NAICS and will be fed into our database automatically (no mapping required).

Is there any lag from contract award to being shown in the database?

Yes; we refresh our dashboards on a monthly basis throughout the year. In addition, a subset of DOD contract data is masked from the public feed for 90 days to accommodate Operational Security guidelines.

The searchfunction under vendor name defaults to the first instance of the alpha character. Can you modify to mitigate the first instance and go directly to the alpha start. For example type in avand seewhat you get. Trying to find avior group. Thx

The search function is default software functionality. In this particular example, Avior Group does not appear in the initial search results because the last award was in FY19 (the tool defaults to FY20). Updating the Fiscal Year to FY19 will return Avior Group in the search results.

FPDS is one source utilized, what are the other sources from which the tool is pulling and who is entering/owns those data points?

The AET pulls from FPDS exclusively, however, there are CM "data enrichments" that are added to it so that the Tiers of SUM work correctly.

Is the vendor business size filter based on the current business size or based on the FY of obligation?

This is based on the FPDS field "Contract Officer Size Determination" at the time of the award, reflecting the FPDS data at the time of refresh. Typically, we expect to see the value here populated at the time of the award and remaining constant through the life of the contract.

Is Tier designation/BIC designation data available to the public in a raw format? Can the public access this information outside of this dashboard?

Please follow the instructions on slide 11 of the webinar presentation to access this information in a CSV format

How do I select multiple naics...lets say 5 specific one...on a single search. have only been able to select on naics per search...is it possible

The NAICS and PSC filter is formatted to allow one selection at a time. If you want to work with multiple NAICS or PSCs, select ALL NAICS/PSC plus other filters. Download the results into EXCEL and use data filters or a pivot table to pull out the multiple NAICS/PSC codes.

If I identify expiring OASIS contrac Tasks, how do I locate the original RFP / PWS?

Task orders against IDIQs are identifie by PIID. You can use that field as the basis of independent research.

Are we able to view/download RFP documents using AET?

No. The AET and all of the other Category Management Dashboards display FPDS data plus agency submitted category management information and category management taxonomy.

Is there an easy way to reset all search terms? Or do you have to do it one by one on each search?

There is an option to reset information in the lower left hand corner of the dashboard (Revert, Refresh and Undo)

What is a div? (sp?)	IDV is an FPDS term that refers to Independent Delivery Vehicle. It's means a contract vehicle like GSA Schedules, OASIS, Alliant and the like.
Is speaker contact information available. She went throught it very fast, and it's hard to follow when you aren't familiar.	Speaker information is in the webinar presentation slide deck. See linked file.
I didn't see it in your review, but can you do keyword searches? That is far better than NAICS	After you download the data into a CSV there is a field called <i>Description of Requirement</i> . Use the find function to look for key terms/phrases in the information.
id request the same funconality to select multiple PSC codes	We have updated the tool to accomodate the selection of multiple PSCs and multiple NAICS codes, as requested.
Are the agency SUM goals/KPIs publicly available?	The Executive Summary Dashboard displays KPIs, goals and the progress towards them
Does the data include ALL GOV contracts, including ALL DOD?	The data set includes FPDS data, which includes DoD contracts.
Are you able to get find out who the contract officers and Internal agency customers are?	After you download the data into a CSV there is a field called <i>Prepared By</i> . This field has user names and sometimes email addresses.
Where does this search show the award contract number?	Use Reference PIID and PIID fields (combined with other fields like Vendor aka incumbent) to conduct further research on awarded contracts.
which tier are contracts posted in beta.sam.gov ?	It depends on what contract vehicles the opportunities are posted against.
Does this only show contracts from GSA vehicles or does it show all contracts for a vendor?	The data set includes all FPDS data for the 10 Common Spend categories under the scope of Government Wide Category Management, and is inclusive of all government agencies and contract vehicles.
Can you use this tool to get the award contract numbers?	Answered above
<b>Questions answered during the session</b>	
What is "new" about MAS?	Please see the document regarding the new MAS Consolidation - <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/MAS%20Consolidation%20Industry%20FAQ%20-%20508.pdf">https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/MAS%20Consolidation%20Industry%20FAQ%20-%20508.pdf</a>
How do we know if an agency wide contract is "tier rated?"	.
what is an example of a tier 1 - small business ?	.
Can you repeat how to get subcontracts if a ocmpany is having issues getting a Prime contract?	Subcontracting is not the subject of today's webinar. If you would like to investigate subcontracting the SBA is a great resource. Please reference <a href="https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-guide/prime-subcontracting">https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-guide/prime-subcontracting</a> .
May be covered in further information - however, does this tool show what GWACs, IDIQs, and/or BPAs the awards were made under?	.
Do you need a login for the Award Exploration Tool?	No, this is a public dashboard.
I just selected a Department, but it keeps displaying none. What am I doing wrong?	Please make sure that you let the information load, then you should see a drop down menu of all the departments
What are the free form search terms for contract id?	.
Is the government-wide contract inventory available to the public? If so, where and how can we access it?	.
how is this more helpful than FPDS?	.

	Can my WOSB compete for T2 solutions if we are not on an MAS schedule?	Hello, In order to compete for opportunities on the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) you need to join the Schedule. You can do that by completing an offer. A good starting point to understand the steps to getting on Schedule can be found at <a href="https://vsc.gsa.gov/">https://vsc.gsa.gov/</a>  Tier 2 is a designation for GSA Schedules that indicates contract vehicle meets certain category management specifications.
	How are PSC/SIN Codes assigned from the solicitation, there is a one to many Sin/Naics relationship, we have trouble tracking the market based on sin usage with no NAICS for the solicitations.	.
	Is 541611 an available NAICS code? We are not seeing data for 541611	There is a filter for NAICS codes in the "Obligation Classification" section of the AET exploration tab.  541611 can be found there
	can you go over the tier's slide	.
	Is this at vehicle, task odr, or mod level?	.
	she mentioned it in her presentation. She said that if you are having problems getting a contract, you should....and I couldn't hear what she said	The main thrust of today's presentation is using the AET tool to find expiring contract awards using category management taxonomy and other FPDS filters. That's the context around "getting a contract". If you'd like to contact me post-presentation my information is in the slide deck.
	What dictates the Level 1 Category? Is that derived from NAICS/PSC codes?	.
	If this is at the mod level, then do we have to roll up the mods by ourselves in excel to see the total value of a contract?	.
	Where does the NIA Code come. Is that from FPDS?	.
	Will all of the new NAICS/Categories be added/mapped for the Consolidated Schedule/	.
	Are large businesses able to see all this as well?	This dashboard and all the components of the Supplier Success Strategies are available to the public, large companies included.
	What does addressability mean?	.
	Can you please explain how you are determining what is Tier 2 or BIC addressable contract ?	.
	Is there a list of small businesses interested in being sub on OASIS?	No, there isn't a list. But you can visit OASIS site for more info - <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/buying-selling/products-services/professional-services/buy-services/oasis/how-to-get-on-oasis">https://www.gsa.gov/buying-selling/products-services/professional-services/buy-services/oasis/how-to-get-on-oasis</a>
	Is 03FAC covered under MAS?	Thanks for the question. Yes, 03FAC is a GSA Multiple Award Schedule.
	A follow up question - so if something is solicited under 03FAC, can MAS schdule bid for it?	Your question is veering into how MAS works. With that, I'd like to direct you to the MAS PMO at MASPMO@GSA.gov. Also check the MAS PMO Interact site at <a href="https://interact.gsa.gov/groups/multiple-award-schedules">https://interact.gsa.gov/groups/multiple-award-schedules</a>
	Will we be able to identify the RFP/solicitation number for the corresponding awards?	.
	Crosstab is not a selectable option.	SLide 11 on the downloadable presentation should help you with your question.

	can you pls explain the various tier's once again and their usage	Please go to <a href="https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/#/gateway/category-management-landing-page">https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/#/gateway/category-management-landing-page</a> to answer your questions about Tiers of Spend.
	How do you access the inventory platform and how to you register to use the platform?	No registration necessary. As long as you click the links marked "public" you can access the information.
	how do we know what percentage of contracts are awarded to various tiers? per department	The Executive Summary Dashboard, also publicly available, can begin to answer your question. You can do more detailed analysis by downloading information in an Excel file.
	Will FPDS website be taken down now that this application is in service?	FPDS will be going over to Beta.sam later in 2020
	Is there an API into this system?	.
	does this tool have documentation	.