



## Information Technology Solutions for

### Your Mission Requirements:

# GSA 8(a) STARS III

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### Introduction to GSA 8(a) STARS III

GSA 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 GWAC is centered on North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code 541512, but may include other NAICS codes that are predominantly IT services.

The contract offers simple to complex IT service solutions such as:

**IT Help-Desk Support    Information Assurance**

**Cybersecurity**

**Artificial Intelligence**

### Ordering

Prior to issuing orders under GSA 8(a) STARS III, federal contracting officers are required to receive training on the use of the GSA 8(a) STARS III contract and be granted a written delegation of procurement authority from the GSA 8(a) STARS III CO. Training is offered at no cost via:

- ⇒ **A self-paced, online course**
- ⇒ **Onsite training conferences and events**
- ⇒ **Web or audio conferences.**

## Features

- \$50B 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-competed, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505
- Complimentary scope compatibility reviews
- No protests on orders under \$10M, 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
- Enhanced opportunities for 8(a) firms
- Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk
- Offers access to a pool of 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

For more information about how the GSA 8(a) STARS III can help your agency with information technology requirements, contact

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