



# 8(a) STARS III: 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 subareas: Emerging Technologies (ET) and OCONUS Place of Performance. 8(a) STARS III prime contractors in the ET scope subarea 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 subarea have experience providing IT services in an Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS) location.

See the other page of this flyer for 8(a) STARS III's features and benefits.

## Ordering Information

Before issuing task orders against 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

## Sole Source and Competitive Ordering Processes



See FAR 19.805 for 8(a) competitive thresholds.

## Features and Benefits of 8(a) STARS III

Features	Benefits
\$50 billion program ceiling and five-year base period with one three-year option	Allows for long-term planning of large-scale program requirements
Sole-source task orders up to the 8(a) competitive threshold	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 focused scope subareas	Offers access to contractors with demonstrated experience in either emerging technology or performance in an OCONUS location
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 small-disadvantaged business (SDB) 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's **eBuy** is an online Request for Information (RFI) and Request for Proposal (RFP) tool for GWAC stakeholders.  
[www.gsa.gov/ebuy](http://www.gsa.gov/ebuy)

**GSA eLibrary** is the online source for the latest contract-award information for GWACs.  
[www.gsa.gov/elibrary](http://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](http://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](http://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/login-information)

The **GWAC Scope Review Tool** allows acquisition professionals to submit Statements of Work for a complementary review to determine compatibility with the 8(a) STARS III GWAC.  
[www.gsa.gov/gwacscopereview](http://www.gsa.gov/gwacscopereview)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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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