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GSA Issues Notice To Proceed for 8(a) STARS II GWAC

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GSA's Small Business Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) Center recently announced the award of the 8(a) STARS II GWAC. Check out this Special Edition Newsletter for more information on how 8(a) STARS II can help your agency reach IT mission and small business contracting goals!

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About 8(a) STARS II

8(a) STARS II is a multiple-award, indefinite-delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract engineered to provide cutting-edge technology solutions from award-winning 8(a) small businesses to federal agencies.

Using 8(a) STARS II enables federal agencies to access 8(a) firms through an established contract vehicle instead of traditional, open market methods – saving time and taxpayer money.

Scope

The scope of the 8(a) STARS II (GWAC) is centered on four functional areas (FAs) derived from the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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

- IT help-desk support,
- Information assurance,
- Cyber-security,
- Virtualization,
- IPv6,
- Web 2.0,
- And more

The 8(a) STARS II GWAC is structured with two tiers, known as constellations. The constellation design is new to the 8(a) STARS II GWAC, and offers additional features and benefits.

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 added benefit of either a Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level II+ Services or Development credential, or an ISO 9001:2000 or 9001:2008 credential.

Key Features & Benefits

Features	Benefits
\$10B 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 \$4M	Enhanced opportunities for 8(a) firms
Access to exceptionally qualified 8(a) small business industry partners	Enables federal clients to earn 8(a) small business credit
Contract types include: fixed price, labor hour, and time and material terms	Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk
Two constellations (tiers)	Offers access to a pool of contractors with additional industry credentials
Pre-competes, 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

Did You Know?

- 8(a) STARS II is GSA's 3rd generation 8(a) GWAC
- 8(a) STARS II allows directed task orders up to \$4M
- No offer and acceptance letter is required from SBA
- No FedBizOpps synopsis is required
- Complimentary task order scope compatibility reviews are provided by the Small Business GWAC Center

- Task orders may be issued directly or by a 3rd party acquisition shop such as GSA's Office of Assisted Acquisition Services

8(a) STARS II Frequently Asked Questions

I am a federal contracting officer who is interested in the 8(a) STARS II GWAC. How do I get training on the contract?

Contracting officers who are interested in receiving training on the 8(a) STARS II GWAC should visit the 8(a) STARS II [training page](#) for more information on training opportunities.

Can I issue task orders on the 8(a) STARS II GWAC?

The 8(a) STARS II GWAC is open for business and can accept new task orders. As a reminder, contracting officers must take training and obtain a delegation of procurement authority prior to issuing task orders on the contract.

Where can I locate a list of the 8(a) STARS II awardees?

The 8(a) STARS II awardee list can be found on the [industry partner page](#).

Have More Questions? Contact the 8(a) STARS II Team at s2@gsa.gov

8(a) STARS II Resources

8(a) STARS II Website - www.gsa.gov/8astars2

The 8(a) STARS II website contains the most current information on the STARS II GWAC and provides direct access to the 8(a) STARS II resources listed below.

8(a) STARS II Ordering Guide

An excellent resource that provides guidance to acquisition activities when placing task order

awards on the 8(a) STARS II GWAC. The ordering guide may be accessed via the 8(a) STARS II [Document Library](#).

8(a) STARS II Awardees Spreadsheet

Contains the list of STARS II Awardees and contact information. This list may be accessed via the 8(a) STARS II [Industry Partners](#) webpage

8(a) STARS II Publications

8(a) STARS II publications may be downloaded via the 8(a) STARS II [Document Library](#) webpage or may be ordered from GSA's [Centralized Mailing List Service](#).

8(a) STARS II Scope Compatibility Review

Free advance scope compatibility reviews are provided by the Small Business GWAC Center. Instructions on how to access Scope Compatibility Reviews may be accessed via the 8(a) STARS II [Scope Reviews](#) webpage.

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