



GSA Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs)

Contract Comparison Matrix





GWACs Value Added Features and Benefits

Features

- Contract types include: fixed price, cost reimbursement, labor hour, and time and material terms
- Ancillary support permitted when it is integral to and necessary to the IT effort
- Access to exceptionally qualified large and small business industry partners
- Pre-competes, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505
- Complimentary scope compatibility reviews
- Compliance with Section 843 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2008 and Section 863 of NDAA 2009

Benefits

- Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk
- Premier IT service providers
- Worldwide IT solutions
- Access to ancillary support
- Save time and money with streamlined contracting method
- Free scope compatibility reviews
- OMB designation and endorsement
- Support from Assisted Acquisition Services

GSA eTools

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IT Solutions Shop (ITSS) provides an automated, convenient, and secure means for federal agencies to order and accept services and commodities from vendor partners when utilizing GSA's Assisted Acquisition Services.

Accessing the GWACs

Customers wishing to use GWACs to support their IT requirements have two options: **Direct** or **Assisted Acquisition**.

1. Direct Acquisition

Any warranted Contracting Officer from a federal agency wishing to award an order against a GSA GWAC must receive a Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) from GSA. This is a simple process in which GSA provides the training on the proper use of GSA GWACs, and then issues the DPA. A DPA is issued to each warranted Contracting Officer requesting it, after a brief (approximately one hour) training session is provided by GSA or upon review of ordering guides.

The training is offered through:

- Conference call
- Webinar
- Review of selected contract's ordering guide
- Onsite training, conferences and events

2. GSA Assisted Acquisition

GSA offers value-added, customized acquisition, project management and financial management services designed to help you get the outcome you need when you need it. You choose the services and level of support needed to meet your unique requirements – whether they're small or large, simple or complex.

For a nominal fee, GSA's Assisted Acquisition Services helps you perform efficient and effective acquisitions and attain best value.

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Points of Contact

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Selection of the right contract vehicle for your IT project is a key element in its success. To assist you in developing your acquisition strategy, we've developed this GWAC Comparison Matrix. The scope of GSA's GWACs includes a broad range of IT services and services-based solutions such as cloud computing, cyber security, information assurance, systems design, software engineering and enterprise architecture solutions. If you need assistance in determining if your requirement is a good fit under a GWAC, we offer a scope compatibility review service free of charge.

CRITERIA	ALLIANT	ALLIANT SMALL BUSINESS	VETS	8(a) STARS II
Type of Procurement	Full and open competition	Total small business set-aside contract	Set-aside contract for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses	Competitively awarded contract with 8(a) small disadvantaged businesses
Contract Holders	58 contractors	69 contractors	42 contractors across two functional areas	584 contractors across two constellations (tiers) and four functional areas
Contract Types:				
Fixed-Price (all types)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cost-Reimbursement (all types)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Labor-Hour (LH) and Time and Materials (T&M)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Basic Contract Term	One, five-year base period with one, five-year option	One, five-year base period with one, five-year option	One, five-year base period with one, five-year option	One, five-year base period with one, five-year option
Contract Ordering Period	5/01/2009 – 4/30/2019	2/3/2009 – 2/2/2019	2/2/2007 – 2/1/2017	8/31/2011 – 8/30/2021
Order Period of Performance	Maximum order period is up to 10 years, if consistent with order agency policies. Orders may extend no more than five years beyond contract expiration date or 4/30/2024.	Maximum order period is up to 10 years, if consistent with order agency contract and funding policies. Orders may extend no more than five years beyond contract expiration date or 2/3/2024.	Orders must be issued for a term consistent with the customer agency's policy and may extend no more than three years beyond contract expiration date or 2/01/2020.	Orders must be issued for a term consistent with the customer agency's policy and may extend no more than three years beyond contract expiration date or 8/31/2024.
Labor Categories	80 labor categories	80 labor categories	98 labor categories across two functional areas	Mix of labor categories in each functional area
Ceiling Labor Rates	Fully loaded rates for Labor Hour and Time & Materials – CONUS. For Fixed-Price (all types) and Cost Reimbursement (all types), labor rates are proposed at the order level.	Fully loaded rates for Labor Hour and Time & Materials – CONUS. For Fixed-Price (all types) and Cost Reimbursement (all types), labor rates are proposed at the order level.	Fully loaded rates for Labor Hour and Time & Materials – CONUS. For Fixed-Price (all types), labor rates are proposed at the order level.	Fully loaded rates for Labor Hour and Time & Materials – CONUS for each of eight geographic areas. For Fixed-Price (all types), labor rates are proposed at the order level.
Contract Access Fee (CAF)	0.75% of total invoice amount. Capped at an amount to be set by the government.	0.75% of total invoice amount. Capped at an amount to be set by the government.	0.75% of total invoice amount	0.75% of total invoice amount
Contract Ceiling Amount	\$50 billion	\$15 billion	\$5 billion	\$10 billion
Directed Order Authority	No	No	No, exception for Department of Veterans Affairs	Yes, up to \$4 million per task order, inclusive of options

GWAC Notes:

- This matrix does not replace a review of the individual contracts.
- The Alliant Small Business, 8(a) STARS II, and VETS GWACs are set-aside contracts for small, 8(a) or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses, respectively.
- All contracts have the capacity to offer worldwide coverage – at negotiated terms and conditions.
- Order period of performance must be consistent with the customer agency's policy on task order duration.
- Fair Opportunity is required in accordance with FAR 16.505(b) for all orders. *Directed orders up to \$4 million are allowed under the 8(a) STARS II contract.
- Unique labor categories and agency-specific contract clauses may be added at the task order level.

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