



Total Networks Inc., a leading provider of technology and strategic consulting services and solutions to government organizations, on July 28, 2011 was awarded a prime vendor contract for the General Service Administration 8(a) Streamlined Technology Application Resource for Service (STARS) II Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC GS06F0876Z).

The 8(a) STARS II GWAC is designed to promote small business utilization when purchasing information technology (IT) services or IT services-based solutions for the federal government. The 8(a) STARS II program is reserved exclusively for qualifying certified 8(a) small business concerns as the prime contractors per Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.8.

Features & Benefits

\$10B program ceiling and five-year base period with one, five-year option
Allows for long term planning of large scale program requirement

Directed task orders up to \$4M, under the competitive threshold per FAR 19.804-6.
The rationale at FAR 19.804-2(a) 10, (i) or (ii), is germane to directed orders. While some sole source is flagged as "high risk," that is not the case with 8(a) directed orders. Enhanced opportunities for government to engage the right skills very quickly

Contract types include: Fixed-Price Family (FAR 16.2), Time & Materials (FAR 16.6), Labor-Hour (FAR 16.6), Hybrid blends, and Incentives (FAR 16.4)
Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk

Permits other direct costs to include ancillary services and/or equipment that the Government determines to be integral and necessary to the IT services-based solution
Provides flexibility at the order level and facilitates integrated IT solutions

Access to exceptionally qualified 8(a) small business industry partners
Enables federal clients to earn 8(a) small business credit

Pre-competes, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505
Saves time and money by reducing procurement lead time

Compliance with Section 843 of the NDAA of 2008 and Section 863 of NDAA 2009 (DoD). DoD bought close to a Billion dollars on STARS I
FAR 16.505 Fair Opportunity process supports best value awards

Limited protests on orders under \$10M
Minimizes protest risk and supports timely order award for optimal mission support

Why 8(a) STARS II

Supports Small Businesses:

Supports reputable small businesses and meets your procurement preference goals. 8(a) credit* can be transferred back to client agency via the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

Directed Order Authority:

Directed task orders up to \$4 million each are allowed for federal civilian and Department of Defense activities.** Orders over \$4 million are competed amongst the industry partners in the chosen Functional Area.

Unprotestable Award:

Allowed up to \$10 million.

Ease-of-use:

Pre-competes, easy-to-use contracts provide agencies with the benefit of limited protestability (in accordance with NDAA 2008) and worldwide geographical coverage. Hardware, software, and services may be procured as part of an integrated technology solution.

Cost Savings:

Streamlined acquisitions shorten procurement lead times and a low user fee (0.75 percent) is built into contractors' ceiling prices.

Expert Assistance:

The Small Business GWAC Center offers Information Technology (IT) specialty contract administration and skilled guidance on the use of the 8(a) STARS GWAC. The Center conducts free statement of work reviews and provides assistance with capabilities statement requests.



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