

## Best-in-Class 8(a) **STARS III** GWAC

This GWAC assists agencies in supporting Executive Order (EO) 13985 titled "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government." It also promotes your agencies commitment to ensuring the adoption of Best-in-Class contracts to provide maximum opportunities for small and socio-economic designated businesses.



## ABOUT BRIGHTPOINT

BrightPoint LLC, an 8(a) joint venture between i3 and Buchanan & Edwards, combines over thirty years of experience deploying information technology and analytical solutions that support federal customers and ensure delivery on critical missions. Both companies bring a proven track record of providing high quality solutions across a range of services and share core values that put customer missions first. By assembling industry leading teams who are committed to solving the biggest customer challenges, both companies brings unique talents and experience to each BrightPoint engagement.



## 8(A) STARS III INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR MISSION REQUIREMENTS

The 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services (STARS) III GWAC is designed to promote small business utilization, specifically 8(a) companies, when purchasing information technology (IT) services or IT service-based solutions for the federal government.

The Best-in-Class 8(a) STARS III GWAC provides flexible access to customized IT solutions from a large, diverse pool of 8(a) industry partners. GWAC benefits include:

- Directed order authority: Directed (non-competitive) task orders up to \$4.5M each are allowed
- Expands capabilities for emerging technologies
- Supports both outside of the continental United States (OCONUS) and CONUS requirements
- Features limited protest-ability up to \$10M
- Offers expert guidance from the GSA team, including free scope review services and market research

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gsa.gov/stars3>

# 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 sub-areas	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



## CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

As a Best-in-Class contract, 8(a) STARS III is designated by the Office of Management and Budget as a preferred governmentwide solution. This multiple-award indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (MA-ID/IQ) contract is designed to provide federal agencies with innovative information technology (IT) service-based solutions from award-winning small businesses.

Contract specifications include:

- **Contract Type:** Governmentwide Acquisition Contract
- **Ceiling:** \$50 billion
- **Ordering Period:** Five year base with one three year option, started July 2, 2021
- **Task Order Types:** Fixed price, time and materials, labor-hour or a hybrid blend
- **Contract Access Fee:** 0.75%, the same as GSA Schedules

This next-generation GWAC builds on the 8(a) STARS II framework, which was the most utilized IT strategic solution in the DHS Eagle NextGen portfolio. 8(a) STARS III is a small business set aside GWAC that provides flexible access to customized IT solutions.

