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SUBJECT: ACQUISITION: Surge Enablers, Best-In-Class Contracts, Small Business,  
and Mandatory Sources

The Department of Defense (DoD) began Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 under a Continuing Resolution (CR). As a result of the CR and the late enactment of a full year's spending bill, the 2018 DoD Appropriations Act (Public Law 115-141), the entire acquisition community is faced with a compressed timeline to meet mission requirements.

Below is a link to a list of Office of Management and Budget identified Government-wide "best-in-class" contract vehicles available for award of common goods and services. To address this 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter surge, these existing contract vehicles are available, and you are encouraged to use them if they fit your requirement.

- [https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ss/docs/Best\\_In\\_Class\\_Contracts\\_12.22.17.pdf](https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ss/docs/Best_In_Class_Contracts_12.22.17.pdf)

DoD is committed to meeting and exceeding our goals for utilizing small businesses in performing our requirements. In keeping with our most recent achievements with regard to contracting with small businesses, contracting officers may consider using the contract vehicles identified below as a means to maximize small business prime contracting opportunities. These Government-wide acquisition contracts, for the acquisition of information technology and related products and services, are set aside exclusively for small businesses:

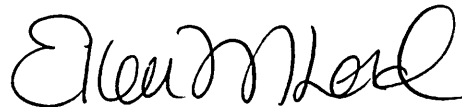
- General Services Administration (GSA) Alliant Small Business and GSA Alliant II Small Business: <https://www.gsa.gov/technology/technology-purchasing-programs/governmentwide-acquisition-contracts/alliant-small-business-governmentwide-acquisition-contract-gwac>

- GSA 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources and Services II: <https://www.gsa.gov/technology/technology-purchasing-programs/governmentwide-acquisition-contracts/8a-stars-ii-governmentwide-acquisition-contract-gwac>
- GSA Veterans Technology Services 2: <https://www.gsa.gov/technology/technology-purchasing-programs/governmentwide-acquisition-contracts/vets-2-governmentwide-acquisition-contract-gwac>
- Department of Health and Human Services Chief Information Officer-Solutions and Partners 3 Innovations Small Business: <https://nitaac.nih.gov/services/cio-sp3-small-business>

Other contract vehicles set aside for Small Business are also available and are included in the Best-In-Class contracts list. In addition, components are reminded of requirements in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services; specifically, Priorities for Use of Mandatory Government Sources in FAR 8.002, the Use of Other Mandatory Sources in FAR 8.003, and the Use of Other Sources in FAR 8.004.

Components are encouraged to remind their entire acquisition workforce that members should move forward as soon as possible to identify these and other vehicles to meet mission requirements and to achieve small business goals. I know we can handle the workload and properly support the Warfighter.

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