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# Stealth Introduction

Stealth Solutions, Inc. (SSI) is a specialized provider of advanced IT ss, bringing extensive expertise in Drupal Development, Quality Assurance, DevOps Engineering, Front-End Development, User Experience (UX) Strategy, Visual Design, and Content Strategy. As a trusted and experienced partner for federal agencies, we have a proven track record of managing large-scale Drupal-based content management and migration projects that enhance digital engagement, security, and compliance across government platforms.

Our work includes extensive Drupal implementations for agencies such as the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and General Services Administration (GSA), where we supported critical projects involving the migration of complex web applications and government sites to secure, FedRAMP-compliant cloud environments. Through these projects, we have demonstrated our ability to deliver robust, accessible, and scalable ss that meet the highest federal standards for security and user experience.

Operating under NAICS codes 541511 (Custom Computer Programming Services) and 541512 (Computer Systems Design Services), Stealth Solutions Inc. is a certified 8(a) small business and awardee of both the GSA MAS and 8(a) STARS III contract vehicles. Our commitment to secure, efficient, and user-centered solutions aligns with the unique needs of Federal, State, and local government agencies, ensuring the seamless deployment of complex digital initiatives. Our success in these projects underscores our ability to meet evolving government standards for digital modernization, accessibility, and compliance, making Stealth Solutions Inc. a reliable partner for Drupal-centered projects in the federal space.

Stealth Solution Inc. has assisted multiple federal agencies in moving into a web-based digital services environment. This includes support for vision development and a roadmap to the establishment of cloud-based solutions that properly support the migration of existing services to the newly deployed cloud solution.

The table below is a representation of websites and projects delivered by Stealth Solutions, Inc.

| URL | Project |
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| <https://www.commerce.gov> | The main website of the Department of Commerce (DOC) |
| <https://www.ntia.gov/> | NTIA main website |
| <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov> | A website that supports BroadbandUSA |
| <https://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/> | The Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) public website |
| <https://spectrum.gov> | The Federal Government Spectrum Compendium public website |
| <https://www.Mbda.gov> | Minority Business Development Agency’s website |
| <https://ocio.commerce.gov> | Office of the Chief Information Officer, DOC |
| <https://ogc.commerce.gov> | Office of the General Counsel, Dept of Commerce website |
| <https://socmed.commerce.gov> | Social media |
| <https://staff.commerce.gov> | Staff Directory website |
| <https://www.gsa.gov/> | Central GSA site with access to all of the GSA’s resources. |
| <https://www.usa.gov/> | Large and popular Drupal implementation which is an online guide to government information and services. |
| <https://www.acquisition.gov/> | The federal government’s only resource for everything acquisition. |
| <https://www.section508.gov/> | The federal government’s central website contains accessibility guidelines |
| <https://www.eda.gov/> | US Economic Development Administration website |

# Understanding of the Requirements

Stealth Solutions Inc. understands that Ben’s Guide is a vital educational resource designed to engage young learners, parents, teachers, and the general public with accessible information about the U.S. government. This project involves migrating Ben’s Guide from its current Joomla CMS to a secure, FedRAMP-compliant Drupal platform, addressing the need for modernization, enhanced security, and improved accessibility. Based on our experience with similar government projects, such as those for NTIA and GSA, we are well-prepared to manage this migration while prioritizing security, functionality, and a user-centered experience.

****Key Challenges and Solutions for Ben’s Guide****

* **Maintaining Educational Value**: It’s crucial to preserve the engaging, educational design of Ben’s Guide for children while also adding features that will appeal to high-school learners and the public. With our experience designing user-centered sites, we will ensure the platform balances visual appeal with accessibility for all ages.
* **Interactive Content**: Ben’s Guide includes interactive elements like educational games. Our approach will include updating these games to HTML5 or creating suitable replacements that align with current educational standards, enhancing learning outcomes for young users.

Key Aspects of Our Approach

1. **Secure, FedRAMP-Compliant Architecture**: We will set up a three-tiered environment (development, testing, and production) to ensure security and compliance with GPO standards. Building on our success in NTIA’s cloud migration, we will apply best practices for secure, scalable architecture, with multi-factor authentication and controlled administrative access.
2. **Comprehensive Content & Game Migration**: To retain Ben’s Guide’s educational value, we will migrate all content, including interactive games like “Place the States” and “Branch-O-Mania.” We’ll ensure these components meet updated accessibility and security standards. As we did with NTIA, we’ll evaluate each interactive feature, updating or replacing as needed to keep content engaging while adhering to GPO’s compliance requirements.
3. **Enhanced User Experience & Accessibility**: Our work with GSA and NTIA has strengthened our capability to create accessible, user-friendly platforms. For Ben’s Guide, we will make the site responsive across devices, Section 508 compliant, and intuitive for young users. We’ll preserve the colorful, kid-friendly aesthetic and add features to support older students and educators.
4. **Sustainment & Knowledge Transfer**: Stealth will deliver documentation, hands-on guidance, and a maintenance plan that equips GPO’s team for ongoing platform management. Drawing from our experience with GSA, we’ll ensure that GPO’s Web Content Management (WCM) staff has the resources and training to manage content and configurations independently.

Suggested Considerations for Contract Approach

To properly scope and manage this project, we suggest reviewing whether a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) or Time & Materials (T&M) contract would be more suitable.

* **Firm Fixed Price (FFP)**: If GPO opts for an FFP approach, we recommend a clear and detailed outline of all project requirements and deliverables upfront. This would enable us to accurately estimate costs and set timelines, which are critical for this type of contract. However, with FFP, there’s less flexibility for any changes in scope that may arise later.
* **Time & Materials (T&M)**: A T&M contract would provide more flexibility, allowing us to adapt to any unforeseen adjustments or enhancements as the project progresses. This can be beneficial for dynamic projects like Ben’s Guide, where additional interactive features or content adjustments might be requested after initial development.

Our proven track record in large-scale federal website migrations positions us to meet GPO’s goals for Ben’s Guide, ensuring a seamless transition to a modern, secure platform. Stealth Solutions Inc. is committed to delivering a high-quality, user-focused solution that upholds the educational mission of Ben’s Guide and engages audiences of all ages.

# Past Performance Examples

## National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

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| Project Title – Web Development Support Services for NTIA. | |
| 1. Contractor Name: Stealth Solutions, Inc Role on Project: Prime | |
| 2. Contractor Address:  46191 Westlake Drive Sterling, VA 20165 | 3. Contract Type:  T&M |
| 4. Procuring Agency/Company Name:  Department of Commerce - Enterprise Services, 1401 Constitution Ave, NW, HCHB Suite 200  Washington, DC, 20230, US | 5. Period of Performance:  09/01/2022 – 08/31/2027 |
| 6. Description of Scope:   * **Comprehensive Web Development and Migration Services**: We developed, maintained, and managed NTIA’s web-based and desktop applications, including key public sites such as NTIA.gov and Broadband USA. * **Cloud Migration and Platform Modernization**: Led the transition of NTIA’s on-premises websites to a secure, cloud-based infrastructure, meeting federal cloud compliance and security standards. * **Enhanced User Experience and Mobile Accessibility**: Refined user interfaces and ensured mobile responsiveness across NTIA’s platforms, focusing on accessible design and adherence to the U.S. Web Design Standards (USWDS) and Section 508. * **Security and Compliance**: Regularly updated applications to comply with federal regulations, conducting security scans and implementing compliance controls to meet FedRAMP and other government standards. | |
| 7. Relevancy of Work:  Our work with NTIA aligns with the Ben’s Guide project requirements, especially in migrating content to a secure, scalable cloud platform and maintaining compliance with federal security standards.  **Interactive Element Management**: Experience in managing NTIA’s interactive resources is directly applicable to updating and migrating Ben’s Guide’s educational games, ensuring compatibility with Drupal and accessibility standards.  **User-Centered Design**: We ensured that NTIA’s digital platforms were engaging and accessible, a key requirement for Ben’s Guide’s audience-focused design. | |

## General Services Administration

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| **Project Title:** GSA Enterprise Content Application Service (ECAS) Environment Application and Website Portfolio. | |
| 1. Contractor Name: Bravent LLC Role on Project: Sub | |
| 2. Contractor Address:  25363 Justice Dr Chantilly, VA, 20152 | 3. Contract Type:  Firm Fixed Price |
| 4. Agency/Company POC:  Kevin M. White,  Senior Director of Contracts REI Systems (Prime Contractor)  Address: 45335 Vintage Park Plaza, Sterling, VA 20166 571-926-4781 [kwhite@reisystems.com](mailto:kwhite@reisystems.com) | 5. Period of Performance:  09/30/2019-09/30/2024 |
| 6. Description of Scope:   * **Modernization of Multiple Government Websites**: Supported GSA in transitioning over 20 websites, including high-traffic sites like GSA.gov and Acquisition.gov, to a unified, Drupal-based platform on Acquia Cloud. * **Development, Modernization, and Enhancement (DME)**: Provided full lifecycle support, including the development of new features, upgrades to Drupal 9/10, and CI/CD pipeline integration for continuous deployment and maintenance. * **Cloud and Security Compliance**: Ensured all websites adhered to federal security protocols, including FedRAMP and Section 508, through regular security scans and accessibility compliance checks. * **Scalable Infrastructure and Content Management**: Migrated sites to a cloud infrastructure with CDN support, ensuring stability, scalability, and efficient content management for GSA’s large digital portfolio. | |
| 7. Relevancy of Work:  **Proven Drupal Migration Expertise**: Our experience in upgrading and migrating large government sites to Drupal positions us well to manage Ben’s Guide’s transition to a modern platform.  **Content and Data Management**: Expertise in handling complex content migration while ensuring performance and security, directly applicable to maintaining the quality and accessibility of Ben’s Guide’s educational content.  **Ongoing Support and Documentation**: Provided GSA with documentation and training to facilitate content updates and system maintenance, which aligns with the requirement to support GPO staff in managing Ben’s Guide. | |

# Conclusion

Stealth Solutions Inc. is committed to supporting the GPO in the successful migration and modernization of Ben’s Guide to a secure, user-friendly, and accessible Drupal platform. Our extensive experience with similar projects for federal agencies like NTIA and GSA demonstrates our capability to handle complex migrations while ensuring compliance, security, and consistent user experience.

Our approach addresses each of Ben’s Guide’s unique requirements—from ensuring a FedRAMP-compliant infrastructure to migrating interactive, educational content that engages learners of all ages. With a focus on responsive design, accessibility, and knowledge transfer, we aim to empower the GPO team to effectively manage and sustain the new platform.

Stealth Solutions Inc. is well-prepared to bring the necessary expertise, resources, and commitment to make this project a success, preserving Ben’s Guide’s educational mission while enhancing its functionality and security. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with GPO in delivering a reliable, engaging, and future-ready platform for Ben’s Guide.

If there are any questions or if further discussion on our response or recommendations is needed, please feel free to reach out to Raj Shekhar, Stealth Vice President, directly at:

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We would be pleased to provide any additional clarification or details as requested.