

CMCI, 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).

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.

8(a) STARS II Features

The 8(a) STARS II design consists of two constellations (tiers) based on industry-accreditations.

Constellation I includes industry partners with competitive pricing and technical proficiency.

Constellation II includes industry partners who have competitive pricing, technical proficiency, and an additional industry credential. The industry credentials for constellation II include one or more of the following:

- Capability Maturity Model Integration II+ (services or development)
- SO 9001: 2000 (replaced by ISO 9001:2008) and ISO 9001: 2008

CMCI has been awarded Constellation I and Constillation II under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 541511 - Custom Computer Programming Services.

8(a) STARS II Benefits

- Multiple award, indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract vehicle with a \$10 billion program ceiling
- Five-year base with one five-year option
- Directed Order Authority: Directed task orders up to \$4 million each are allowed for federal civilian and Department of Defense activities
- Allowed up to \$10 million unprotestable award
- 8(a) socioeconomic credit transferrable to the agency
- Pre-competed, easy to use contracts
- Shortened procurement lead time
- Federal Contracting Officers must receive training on use of contract and be granted a written delegation of procurement authority (DPA) from Small Business GWAC Center

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-competed, 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.