#### **INFORMATION BROCHURE**

GSA 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resource for Services (STARS) III



#### **CONCERAS | AT A GLANCE**

Company: SBA 8(a) Certified Small Business; Graduate Mar 2025 Headquarters: Fairfax, VA Founded: In 2006; Prime Growth Rate of 400% over last 2 years Personnel: 100% Cleared; 91% Annual Retention Rate Certifications: ISO 9001:2015; ISO 20000-1:2018; ISO 27001:2013 Customer Satisfaction: 98% D&B Past Performance Rating Cost Accounting System: DCAA-Audited and Approved DUNS: 800303427 CAGE Code: 4SCX1

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### 8(a) STARS III | SUMMARY

The 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resource for Services III (STARS III) is a small business set-aside Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC), that provides flexible access to customized IT solutions from a large, diverse pool of 8(a) industry partners. This next-generation GWAC builds upon the framework of 8(a) STARS II and expands capabilities for emerging technologies and OCONUS requirements (www.gsa.gov/stars3).

# 8(a) STARS II | HOW TO USE

Any Federal Government agency may use STARS III. Contracting Officers must complete a short training course and obtain a delegation of procurement authority (DPA) prior to issuing task orders on the contract.

The STARS III (GWAC) provides agencies with the ability to award directed task orders in the following functional areas (FA) to meet an agency's particular mission needs:

- Data Management
- Information and Communication Technology
- IT Operations and Maintenance
- IT Security / IT Workforce Augmentation
- Software Development
- Systems Design

Primary NAICS code is designated as 541512 with other IT services NAICS codes including 541511, 541513, 541519, 518210. In addition, STARS III provides two scope sub-areas: Emerging Technology-Focused IT Services and IT Services performed outside of CONUS. Contracting Officers have absolute discretion in identifying the area/sub-area to be awarded under STARS III.

## 8(a) STARS III | FEATURES

- \$50 billion ceiling with one five-year base period and one threeyear option period. Task order performance is up to five years beyond the final day of the option ordering period
- Directed task orders up to \$4.5M with multiple-year timeframes
- Other direct costs procurement permitted when considered necessary to the IT effort
- Order contract types include Firm Fixed Price, Time and Materials, Labor Hour, Incentive contracts
- Pre-competed, easy-to-use contracts with streamlined ordering procedures, based on FAR 16.505
- No protests on orders under \$10M, unless the order increases the GWAC's scope, period, or maximum value
- Simple, easy-to-complete contract delegation authority training
- Complimentary scope compatibility reviews by the GWAC office

## 8(a) STARS III | BENEFITS

- Allows for long-term planning of large-scale program requirements
- Facilitates integrated IT solutions
- Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk
- Reduced procurement lead time, saving time and money
- Access to proven 8(a) small business technology providers
- Offers access to pool of contractors with additional industry credentials
- Federal clients earn 8(a) socioeconomic credit, transferable to the agency
- Promotion of contract compliance and reduced risk of adverse audits
- FAR 16.505 Fair Opportunity process supports best value awards
- Minimization of protest risk and optimal mission support through timely order award

