

FEDERAL BUYER'S GUIDE

8(a) STARS III — GSA GWAC

How to award IT work directly to D9Tech Resources on STARS III.

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8(a) STARS III is an OMB-designated **Best in Class** Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) administered by GSA, reserved exclusively for SBA-certified 8(a) firms. It allows your agency to award task orders directly — including 8(a) sole source — without running a full and open competition. D9Tech holds STARS III and performs IT engineering, cloud, cybersecurity, and software work through it.

VEHICLE KEY FACTS

- **Contract type:** Multiple Award IDIQ (MA-IDIQ), administered by GSA.
- **Period:** Base 5 years + 3-year option (awarded July 2, 2021).
- **8(a) competitive threshold:** \$5.5M (non-manufacturing), effective October 1, 2025. Limited protestability up to \$10M.
- **Scope:** IT services, cloud, cybersecurity, emerging technology, and OCONUS requirements. Ancillary hardware, software, and non-IT support integral to the IT solution are permitted.

DIRECT-AWARD PATHWAYS TO D9TECH

- **8(a) sole source — up to \$5.5M (non-mfg):** the fastest, least burdensome path. SBA offer and acceptance is required at the order level (FAR 19.804-6, STARS III Section G.13). Above the threshold, an order may still be sole source if the OCO documents that competition among 8(a) firms is not feasible.†
- **8(a) competitive:** issue the solicitation via GSA eBuy to the 8(a) STARS III pool to satisfy fair opportunity. No cap on competitive awards.

CONTRACTING OFFICER STEPS

- 1 **Obtain a DPA.** A Delegation of Procurement Authority is required before placing any order. Complete STARS III DPA training (live webinar, 1–2 hrs, or review the Ordering Guide), then submit the DPA Certification Form — delegation letter typically within 2 business days. Questions: sbgwac@gsa.gov.
- 2 **Request a scope review (recommended).** GSA offers free scope-compatibility reviews (~2–5 business days) to confirm the requirement is in scope and reduce protest risk.
- 3 **Identify D9Tech.** Confirm 8(a) status in SAM.gov or the SBA Small Business Search. For sole source, use the SBA Offer Letter template to the cognizant SBA District Office. D9Tech's information is in the STARS III Industry Partner Spreadsheet on gsa.gov.
- 4 **Award & report.** Submit the award/modification package (SF1449 or SF30 + SOW/PWS) to s3@gsa.gov, and report the action in FPDS-NG — entering the socioeconomic fields accurately transfers 8(a) credit to your agency.

KEY GSA CONTACTS

DPA training / questions: sbgwac@gsa.gov

Competitive solicitations: ebuy.gsa.gov

Task-order reporting: s3@gsa.gov

Ordering Guide: gsa.gov › GWACs › 8(a) STARS III

† **8(a) sole-source limit:** D9Tech may not receive sole-source 8(a) contract awards once it has received a combined total of competitive and sole-source 8(a) contracts in excess of \$168,500,000 during its participation in the 8(a) BD program.