

## The digital battlefield is increasingly complex. **Purchasing IT solutions isn't.**

The NIH Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC) has supported the DoD for the last two decades with quality information technology products, services and solutions. Our **Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs)** feature top defense contractors; companies that deliver value and innovation to the warfighter. We offer also offer **Assisted Acquisitions** to those who need extra help.

As new DoD initiatives demand even **greater speed, efficiency and affordability**, NITAAC stands ready with robust customer support. Our contract and program specialists are committed to 24-hour turnaround of DoD statements of work (SOWs), assuring requirements are clear, well-defined and on target for optimal response. We continually update our e-ordering systems to maximize

operational effectiveness so that mission-critical requirements can be awarded in record time: 30 days or less for task orders; 1-3 days for delivery orders.

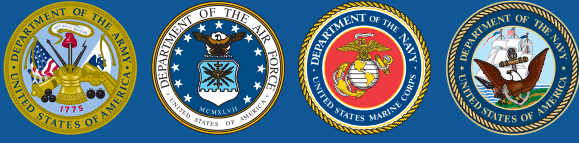
With a **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** regarding the use of NITAAC contracts in place since 2008, and a clear directive by the Secretary of Defense to find more effective ways to secure IT, the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and other DoD entities can continue to count on NITAAC for fast, flexible and affordable procurements.

*Together, we can help the DoD manage complexity, enhance warfighting capabilities and advance mission outcomes with an IT portfolio that is agile, intelligent and ready for battlefield deployment.*



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## DEDICATED WARFIGHTER SUPPORT.

- MOA between DoD and NIH/NITAAC
- Current FY Certification between DoD and HHS
- Supported by DPAP for direct acquisitions
- Leading defense industry contractors
- Multiple GWACs for IT products, services and solutions
- No Special Procurement Authority required by NITAAC to use our e-ordering systems
- Free on-site training is available

## SPEED, EFFICIENCY AND VALUE.

- Submit RFPs, RFQs or RFIs in 10 minutes or less
- Award task order in 30 days or less; delivery orders in 1-3 days
- 24-hour turnaround on SOWs; evaluated by contract specialists, returned with recommendations or released
- Dedicated customer support resolves issues within 24 hours
- Discounted pricing for products lower than open market; less than or equal to GSA
- Simple e-ordering with built-in regulatory guidance
- Support all contract types to align incentives of DoD and contractors; terms and conditions easily customized at task or delivery order level

# You don't have to use DoD contracts if NITAAC is the better choice.

The Department of Defense has long encouraged the use of non-DoD contracts if the products and services available meet or exceed DoD schedule or performance requirements. Even if the needed items are already provided under a DoD contract, exceptions can be made for:

- More favorable or **better pricing**
- Greater competition leading to **better technical solutions**
- More advantageous terms or conditions including **faster delivery**

If you're concerned about program fees, DFARS 217.7802 says that **cost effectiveness**, including taking into account discounts and fees, are factors in a **best interest decision**. The best interest determination should also address the basis for concluding that the fees charged are fair and reasonable for the effort and expertise provided; and commensurate with the tasks to be accomplished.

The bottom line for COs: as long as the need is documented and in the best interest of the DoD, the decision to use a NITAAC GWAC is yours.

## Own the information, advance the mission.

As recent DoD directives confirm, purchasing decisions should be based on **delivering best value to the taxpayer and superior capability to the warfighter in the shortest possible time**. Congress authorized GWACs for exactly this purpose – there is simply no **faster**, more **flexible**, **value-oriented** vehicle for purchasing information technology.

GWACs enable you to realize the continual benefits of competition by providing fair opportunity to a highly qualified cadre of contract holders every time a requirement is submitted. NITAAC's e-ordering systems are aligned with many of the new DoD directives, enabling customers to **mandate affordability and set and manage shorter timeframes**. With today's battlefield as dependent on bits and bytes as bullets, the speed of NITAAC GWACs can be a crucial factor in mission success.

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