PROCUREMENT SCIENCES INDUSTRY INSIGHTS:

Top IDIQ and GWAC Vehicles for Government Contractors in 2025

Introduction

Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts, and Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) are essential tools in government procurement. These contract vehicles streamline the process of acquiring goods and services, offering benefits to both government agencies and contractors. For contractors, securing a position on a top IDIQ or GWAC vehicle can be a game-changer, providing access to a pre-qualified vendor pool and increased efficiency.

Most of the top 20 federal contracting opportunities fall within the IT, professional services, and R&D markets[1]. This report delves into the top IDIQ and GWAC vehicles for government contractors in 2025, examining factors like dollar value awarded, the number of awards made, new vehicles, and expiring vehicles. It also highlights emerging trends and provides valuable insights to help contractors navigate the government marketplace.

One notable trend is the adoption of Best in Class (BIC) vehicles like GSA OASIS+, which offer government-wide, multiple-award capabilities[2]. This trend reflects the government's focus on streamlining procurement and accessing specialized vendors. Additionally, the General Services Administration (GSA) issued a memo requiring GSA employees to prioritize the use of existing GSA acquisition vehicles before establishing new contracts for similar products or services[3]. This memo underscores the importance of existing GSA vehicles for government procurement.

Furthermore, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) issued a memo establishing GSA's suite of vehicles, including GWACs and Federal Supply Schedules, as mandatory for acquiring Military Health System Health Information Technology[3]. This memo highlights the mandatory use of GSA vehicles for certain acquisitions.

Research Methodology

To provide a comprehensive analysis of the top IDIQ and GWAC vehicles for 2025, we conducted extensive research following these key steps:

1. **Identify Available Vehicles:** We compiled a list of all IDIQ and GWAC vehicles available to government contractors in 2025 using sources like GSA.gov and industry publications[4].

2. **Analyze Award Data:** We analyzed data on the top IDIQ and GWAC vehicles in terms of dollar value awarded in 2024 to understand the current landscape and potential opportunities[1].

3. **Identify New and Expiring Vehicles:** We researched new IDIQ and GWAC vehicles that will be available in 2025 and those that will be expiring to provide contractors with the latest information[4].

4. **Review Relevant Articles and Reports:** We reviewed articles and reports discussing the top IDIQ and GWAC vehicles for government contractors in 2025 to gather insights and expert opinions[1].

Top IDIQ Vehicles for 2025

Alliant 3

Alliant 3 is a major government-wide acquisition contract (GWAC) with a 10-year period of performance. The General Services Administration (GSA) plans to issue 76 awards in a full and open competition[7]. Projects must have a minimum value of $7.5 million within the past five years to be eligible[8]. The demand for IT services under the preceding Alliant 2 contract exceeded GSA's forecast, leading to an increase in the ceiling value from $50 billion to $75 billion[9].

GSA conducted a historical analysis of Alliant 1 and 2 contracts, gathered customer input, and conducted market research[8]. The maximum points available on Alliant 2 was 83,100 points, and the lowest score to receive an award was 73,600 points, or 88.6% of the available points[8]. GSA stated that 60 awardees are enough to ensure adequate task order competition[8]. In a welcome update, GSA increased the number of

awards they intend to make from 60 to 76[7]. Language surrounding tied scores has remained the same—in the event of one or more tied scores at the 76th position, each offeror will receive an award. Should a tied score occur above the 76th position, the two offerors will also receive awards[7].

There were some minor changes to the scorecard for the final RFP that resulted in a reduction of the maximum possible points from a previous total of 92,200 to a final total of 89,950 points across the seven (7) volumes[7].

OASIS+

OASIS+ (One Acquisition Solution for Integrated Services Plus) streamlines the procurement of complex professional services across all federal agencies[10]. This multiple-award IDIQ contract has no maximum dollar ceiling and offers a 10-year ordering period with an unlimited number of task orders at any dollar value[10]. GSA is seeking no maximum contract ceiling for the OASIS+ GWAC[1]. This detail emphasizes the vast potential of this contract vehicle. GSA has awarded 1,383 contracts to small businesses across seven domains[11]. The announcements posted on SAM.gov include the first phase of the 8(a) contract award decisions[12]. Barring size status protests, the number of companies anticipated to be authorized to participate in the first phase of rolling awards are 182 – 8(a) awardees across 7 Domains[12]. To date, there are 588 awardees under the Unrestricted track[13].

The number of companies anticipated to be authorized to participate by domain is as follows[14]:

Domain	Number of Companies
Management & Advisory	398
Technical & Engineering	399
Intelligence	148
Research & Development	154
Logistics	103
Facilities	60
Environmental	59
Enterprise Solutions	59

MQS2-NG

The Defense Health Agency's (DHA) Medical Q-Coded Support and Services-Next Generation (MQS2-NG) program is a 10-year, $43 billion contract vehicle for medical staffing support services at U.S. military health care facilities[15]. This follow-on program includes staffing for healthcare positions at 591 military hospitals and clinics nationwide and in Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. possessions[16]. DHA awarded 11 contracts for the unrestricted portion of MQS2-NG[15]. DHA expects to award five (5) to ten (10) vendors in the small business category and five (5) in the unrestricted category in each of the five geographic areas of responsibility, with multiple on- and off-ramps anticipated[17].

SEWP VI

NASA's Solution for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP VI) is a GWAC with a 10-year ordering period and a $60 billion ceiling[18]. SEWP VI allows multiple contract types, including fixed-price, time and material, labor-hour, award-fee, and incentive-fee, offering

flexibility for a wider range of project needs and contractor capabilities[19]. NASA has not stipulated a maximum number of awards[20]. The term "Qualifying Offeror" is defined as an offeror that meets all the following criteria[21]:

- Submits a proposal that conforms to the scope category requirements of the solicitation in which they are proposing.

- Meets all requirements within the firm down-select phase of evaluation:
  - Phase 1 – Pass the certifications and mandatory experience requirements.
  - Phase 2 – Receive a "Satisfactory" or "Substantial Confidence" rating for Past Performance.

NASA implemented a strategic pause on the SEWP IV procurement effective August 8, 2024[22]. NASA will conduct a three-phase procurement[19]. At the end of each phase, the agency will make a down-select decision and notify bidders who do not advance. In phase one, relevant experience will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Past performance will be evaluated in phase two. Past performance must be within the past three years to be considered "recent." Large businesses must provide examples worth more than $2.5 million. Small businesses should...[source](#) and will not evaluate price[19].

The new contract has three service categories: [19]

- Category A: IT, communications, and visual solutions

- Category B: Enterprise-wide solutions for IT, communications, and visual solutions

- Category C: Program level services for IT, communications, and visual solutions

Category C is reserved for small businesses. Categories A and B include tracks for full-and-open and small business bidders.

Other Notable IDIQ Vehicles

The following table summarizes other notable IDIQ vehicles for government contractors in 2025:

Vehicle Name	Agency	Estimated Value
Mission Partner Environment (MPE)	Air Force	$10 billion
Evolve	State Department	$8 billion
Protech 2.0 Fisheries Domain	DOC	$8 billion
Common Hardware Systems–6th Generation (CHS-6)	Army	$7.9 billion

The ProTech 2.0 program has four domains: Satellites, Oceans, Weather, and Fisheries[1]. The Fisheries domain is geared toward NOAA's mission of protecting seafood resources and creating more sustainable ecosystems[23]. NOAA competed the ProTech 2.0 Fisheries Domain contract as a total small business set-aside program with 26 offers received[24]. NOAA also competed the ProTech 2.0 Oceans Domain contract as a total small business set-aside program with 19 offers received during the first phase and 19 proposals secured during the second phase[25].

The ProTech program includes a suite of Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) multiple award contracts, organized into four Domains that align with NOAA's major mission areas: Satellite, Fisheries, Oceans, and Weather[26]. These Domains provide resources supporting the NOAA, including its Line and Staff Offices. Where applicable, the contracts may also be used by other Bureaus within the Department of Commerce (DOC)[27]. The ceiling dollar amount for all orders under all ProTech Domains is $8,000,000,000[27]. Each Domain has its own IDIQ contract with multiple awards[27].

Parymon filed a post-award protest in March to challenge NOAA's evaluation of its proposal, and the agency agreed to look at the bid again, so

that protest was dismissed in April[23]. JRD & Associates did not file a protest but appears to have reaped the award from Parymon's ask for a re-examination[23].

Army Contracting Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland received three offers for the CHS-6 procurement program and expects work to run through Aug. 30, 2023[28]. CHS-6 also offers additional flexibilities in terms of services and price structure[29]. Items paid with Government purchase cards are now accepted as payment and, if used, will receive a one percent discount off CHS catalog pricing[29]. Quantity discounts aggregate for all orders that are awarded in the same calendar year[29]. Many standard CHS-5 features are still available through CHS-6, but these items will be separately priced, including design and engineering services and bonded storage[29]. The initial CHS 6 catalog is now available for customer use[29]. To view a list of offerings, visit https://chs.army.mil[29].

Top GWAC Vehicles for 2025

8(a) STARS III

This small business set-aside GWAC provides flexible access to customized IT solutions from a large, diverse pool of 8(a) industry partners[30].

CIO-SP3

CIO-SP3 is a GWAC administered by the National Institutes of Health Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC)[31]. It offers a wide range of advanced technology, including end-user computing, servers, storage, enterprise software, cyber-security solutions, health care IT, cloud computing, and cloud storage[31].

VETS 2

VETS 2 is a GWAC designed to provide federal agencies with streamlined access to customized IT solutions from a large pool of verified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs).

New IDIQ and GWAC Vehicles for 2025

MAPS

MAPS (Marketplace for the Acquisition of Professional Services) is a new IDIQ contract designed to provide streamlined access to professional services for Army customers, Program Executive Offices (PEOs), DoD agencies, and other federal agencies[4]. This contract vehicle combines the ACC-APG's Responsive Strategic Sourcing for Services (RS3) and the CHESS' Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – 3 Services (ITES-3S) contract vehicles[4]. The estimated value of MAPS is $50 billion[4].

This streamlined approach to procuring professional services offers significant potential benefits for contractors, including easier access to opportunities and reduced competition from larger companies. However, securing a position on this high-value vehicle may be challenging due to the expected high level of competition.

SOFGSD

The United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) is establishing a new contract vehicle called Special Operations Forces Global Services Delivery (SOFGSD) to acquire knowledge-based services[4]. The SOFGSD contract will be an IDIQ contract with a 10-year ordering period[4]. The agency intends to make 15 awards based on the Highest Technically Rated Offerors[4].

The 10-year ordering period of SOFGSD provides long-term opportunities for contractors. However, meeting the specific requirements and standards of USSOCOM may pose a challenge.

Expiring IDIQ and GWAC Vehicles in 2025

CIO-CS "The Store"

The current CIO-CS contract was awarded in 2015 and will expire in 2025[4]. 40.75% of the total dollar value for this vehicle was spent through the Small Business set-aside[4]. A follow-on contract is planned to continue supporting the NIH's mission-critical programs and other IT-related needs across the federal government[4].

While the planned follow-on contract offers continued opportunities, the transition may create uncertainty and potential disruptions for contractors currently working on task orders under CIO-CS. It is crucial for contractors to stay informed about the transition process and any changes in requirements or procedures.

For information on exercising options on task orders on expired GWACs, contact a GWAC representative[32]. This information is crucial for contractors working on task orders under expiring vehicles.

Changes in Protest Thresholds

The FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes a provision increasing the threshold for GAO protests of task orders under DoD IDIQ contracts from $25,000,000 to $35,000,000[33]. This change impacts how contractors can challenge task order awards.

This increased threshold may limit the ability of contractors to challenge task order awards, potentially favoring larger companies with more resources to pursue other avenues for dispute resolution. Contractors should carefully consider the implications of this change and explore alternative strategies for addressing disputes.

Conclusion

The IDIQ and GWAC vehicles discussed in this report represent significant opportunities for government contractors in 2025. By understanding the nuances of each vehicle and aligning their capabilities with agency needs, contractors can position themselves for success in the competitive government marketplace.

Several key trends are shaping the landscape of IDIQ and GWAC vehicles. The shift towards BIC vehicles like OASIS+ indicates a trend towards streamlined procurement and specialized vendors. This shift may lead to increased competition for spots on these vehicles, but it also offers greater opportunities for contractors with niche expertise.

The GSA and DHA memos prioritizing GSA vehicles emphasize the importance of existing GSA vehicles, potentially leading to increased competition for spots on these vehicles and a

greater focus on compliance with GSA requirements.

To succeed in this evolving landscape, government contractors should consider the following:

- **Focus on Niche Expertise:** Develop specialized capabilities in areas like IT, professional services, and R&D to align with the top federal contracting opportunities.

- **Build Strong Past Performance Records:** Maintain a strong record of past performance to increase your chances of winning awards.

- **Actively Network:** Network with government agencies and other contractors to gain insights, build relationships, and explore potential partnerships.

- **Stay Informed:** Stay informed about upcoming solicitations, draft RFPs, and award decisions to proactively pursue opportunities.

By proactively pursuing these opportunities and adapting to the changing landscape, government contractors can leverage IDIQs and GWACs to achieve sustainable growth and contribute to important government missions.

Note: The dollar amounts listed for the top 20 federal contracting opportunities are BGOV estimates based on the value of incumbent contracts and prior analysis[1].

Procurement Sciences: Your Gateway to Mastering IDIQ and GWAC Vehicles

Navigating the complexities of **IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity)** and **GWAC (Government-Wide Acquisition Contract)** vehicles can be a daunting task for government contractors. However, with the right tools and strategies, these contract vehicles can unlock significant growth opportunities. **Procurement Sciences** is here to empower contractors with AI-driven solutions that simplify and optimize every step of the process.

Why IDIQs and GWACs Matter for Contractors

IDIQs and GWACs are critical tools in federal procurement. They provide contractors access to pre-qualified vendor pools, reduce administrative burdens, and open doors to substantial and sustained federal spending. Success in securing a position on these vehicles requires a strategic approach, in-depth preparation, and meticulous execution. This is where **Procurement Sciences** and its platform, **Awarded AI**, come in.

How Procurement Sciences Supports IDIQ and GWAC Success

1. Opportunity Identification Made Simple

Finding the right opportunities under IDIQ and GWAC vehicles can be time-consuming. **Awarded AI** uses advanced algorithms to:

- Automatically match your business's capabilities with relevant IDIQ and GWAC opportunities.

- Provide detailed insights into the requirements and competitive landscape of top vehicles like **OASIS+, Alliant 3, SEWP VI, and 8(a) STARS III**.

- Keep you updated on expiring and upcoming contracts to ensure you're always ahead of the curve.

2. Bid/No-Bid Decisioning with Confidence

Making strategic decisions about pursuing specific vehicles is crucial. With **Awarded AI**, you can:

- Assess competition, contract scope, and past performance requirements to decide which vehicles align with your strengths.

- Evaluate your chances of securing a spot based on historical data and market analysis.

3. Proposal Creation and Optimization

IDIQ and GWAC applications demand highly detailed and compliant proposals. Awarded AI simplifies this process by:

- Generating tailored compliance matrices that align with the solicitation requirements.

- Crafting draft proposals with AI-powered tools that save time while ensuring accuracy.

- Offering compliance checks and scoring suggestions to improve the quality and competitiveness of your submissions.

4. Post-Award Performance Insights

Winning a spot on an IDIQ or GWAC is just the beginning. Maintaining your position and capitalizing on the contract requires ongoing excellence. Procurement Sciences helps you:

- Analyze task order performance metrics and customer feedback.

- Identify areas for improvement to ensure strong performance and increase your chances of task order awards.

- Monitor debrief insights to refine future bids and submissions.

Why Choose Procurement Sciences?

Efficiency and Time Savings

Procurement Sciences automates the most time-consuming tasks, allowing your team to focus on strategy and execution.

Data-Driven Decision Making

Leverage powerful analytics to make informed decisions about pursuing IDIQ and GWAC opportunities.

Enhanced Compliance

Minimize risks of disqualification with automated compliance checks and tools designed specifically for government contracts.

Comprehensive Support

From pre-award opportunity identification to post-award performance tracking, Procurement Sciences provides end-to-end support tailored to your needs.

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