

## 8(a) Streamlined Technology Application Resource for Services (STARS) II Government-wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) “8(a) STARS II”

**Ishpi Information Technologies, Inc. (ISHPI)** has been awarded a STARS II, Constellation II, prime contract in four Functional Areas (FAs). Constellation II is reserved for service providers who are technically proficient with competitive pricing and **possess an industry recognized quality credential**. *ISHPI's* credential is the Capability Maturity Model Integration for Product and Service Development (CMMI/DEV) Maturity Level 5 (ML5).

### ISHPI's STARS II Contract At-A-Glance:

- Contract Number: **GS00Q17GWD2004**
- Period of Performance (PoP): **June 13, 2017 through August 30, 2021**
- Individual orders may be issued with a PoP of up to seven (7) years from the date the order is placed, with or without option periods anytime during the contract PoP. Orders must be substantially completed by August 30, 2024.

### Four functional areas to meet your mission requirements

Listed below are the business categories associated with each FA:

- Functional Area 1 – NAICS 541511 – Custom Computer Programming Services
- Functional Area 2 – NAICS 541512 – Computer Systems Design Services
- Functional Area 3 – NAICS 541513 – Computer Facilities Management Services
- Functional Area 4 – NAICS 541519 – Other Computer Related Services

Detailed descriptions of each functional area are located at: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/208177>

STARS II's scope generally provides flexibility at the order level to include ancillary services and/or equipment that the Government determines to be integral and necessary to the IT services-based solution. Using STARS II will enable you to access *ISHPI* through an established contract vehicle instead of traditional open-market methods—saving time and taxpayer money. The contract offers simple-to-complex C4ISR engineering and technical services and solutions such as:

- IT support; Information Assurance and cybersecurity; database, website, and software development and administration; system documentation; WAN/LAN and wireless network installation, maintenance, and administration; and much more.

### Streamlined Features

- Sole-source (directed) order awards for orders under \$4 million, including options
- Orders more than \$4 million may be competed among the industry partners in Constellation II and the selected FA
- Contract types include fixed price, labor hour, and time-and-material terms
- Other integral and necessary travel and Other Direct Costs (ODCs) are allowed
- Wide selection of labor categories and labor rates are pre-negotiated for the region where the work will be performed

## Benefits

- Provides 8(a) socioeconomic credit transferrable to the agency (federal clients earn 8(a) small business credit)
- Order requirements do not require an additional offer and acceptance from the SBA
- Pre-competes, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures, and supports Fair Opportunity process for best value awards, based on FAR 16.505
- Promotes contract compliance and reduces risk of adverse audits
- Yields shortened procurement lead time by minimizing protest risks and supporting timely order award for optimal mission support

Additional features of STARS II, including industry partners, ordering guide, and pricing, can be found on the STARS II website at: [www.gsa.gov/8astars2](http://www.gsa.gov/8astars2).

## Example of *ISHPI*'s Current and Past Performance Under 8(a) STARS II

*ISHPI* has received several source-directed task orders under a previous award of the GSA 8(a) Stars II contract (Constellation I) for a broad range of services. Customers include the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Army.

## Ordering

Prior to issuing orders under 8(a) STARS II, federal contracting officers are required to receive overview training on the use of the 8(a) STARS II contract and be granted a written Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) making them Ordering Contracting Officers (OCOs). The training takes about an hour to complete and is offered at no cost. It entails simply performing a thorough review of the GSA ordering guide, available online at [www.gsa.gov/8astars2](http://www.gsa.gov/8astars2).

The process begins after Government customers have obtained internal approvals, developed an internal Statement of Work (SOW) and an Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) based on available labor categories. The Contracting office sends *ISHPI* an RFQ requesting a price quote (source directed orders typically do not require a technical proposal) along with the SOW. Once our price proposal is received by the Contracting office, the task order is typically awarded to us in a few days, and in some cases less than 24 hours.

For more information about how the 8(a) STARS II GWAC can help your agency with information technology requirements, contact the Small Business GWAC Center by phone at (877) 327-8732 or e-mail at [S2@gsa.gov](mailto:S2@gsa.gov) or visit [www.gsa.gov/8astars2](http://www.gsa.gov/8astars2).

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