



Contract Holder
8(a) STARS II Contract GS-06F-0899Z

How to leverage AQIWO to obtain 8(a) credit through GSA Stars II

AQIWO provides specialized program and information technology services to US Intelligence, Defense and Civilian agencies. AQIWO assists Information Technology organizations with building customer relationships and effective service delivery capabilities. AQIWO's size, breadth of expertise, process-driven service delivery, and agility make us an excellent strategic asset to agencies requiring specialist capabilities for niche requirements. AQIWO has a Top Secret facility clearance, broadening the scope of requirements we can support.

Benefits to Federal Clients of 8(a) STARS II

The GSA 8(a) STARS II Contract Vehicle enables federal agencies to fulfill their IT services-based solutions requirements and at the same time meet or exceed socioeconomic goals through the utilization of small businesses. STARS II's benefits include:

- 8(a) socio-economic credit
- Pre-competed and easy-to-use contracts
- Short procurement lead time
- Availability of training and support from the 8(a) STARS II GWAC acquisition team
- Limited protest-ability in accordance with NDAA 2008
- Low user fee (0.75 percent) built into contractors' ceiling prices
- Small Business GWAC Center provides Information Technology (IT) specialty contract administration

Why AQIWO for 8(a) STARS II?

As an incumbent contractor on STARS II, AQIWO is able to receive Task Order awards through a simplified acquisition process. In accordance with 13 CFR 124, **agencies can obtain 8(a) credit when contracting with AQIWO using GSA STARS II (Constellation I, Functional Areas 2 and 3) through August of 2021.**

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