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## 8(a) STARS III Snapshot - February 2024

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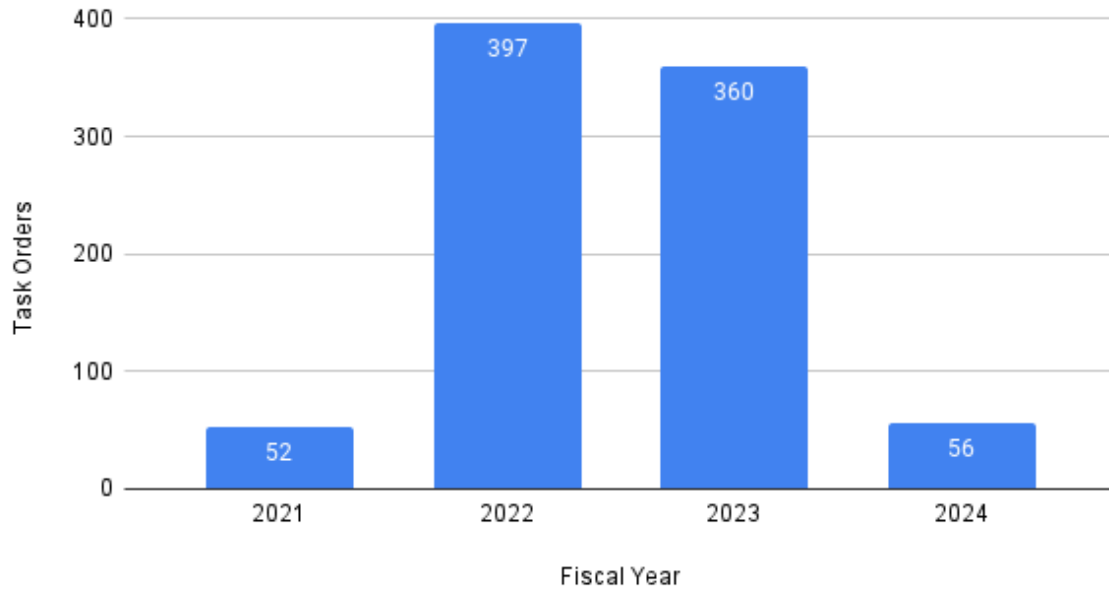
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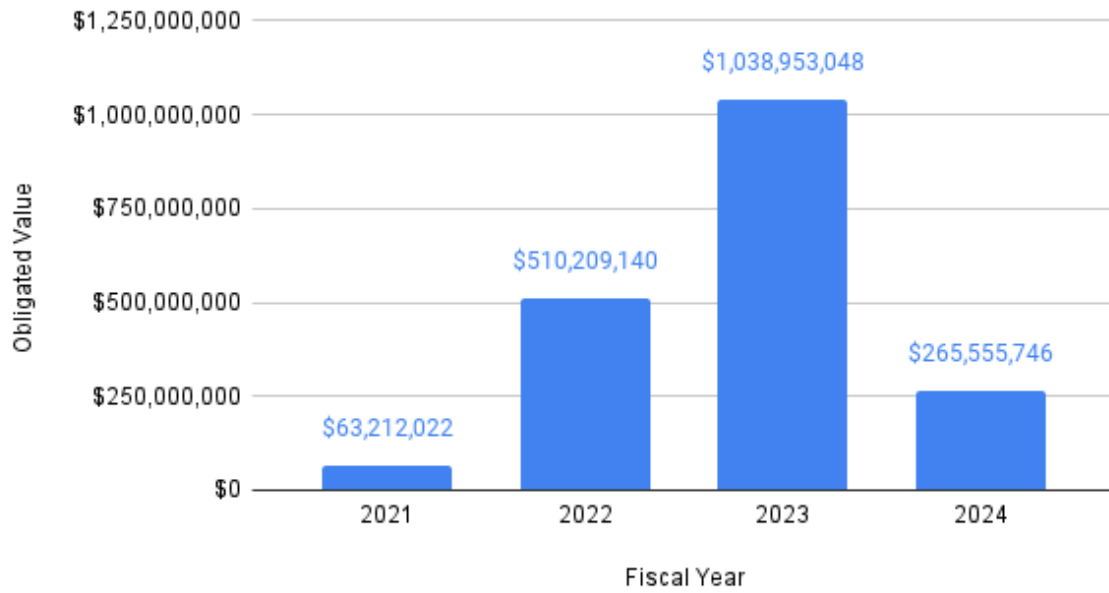
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# 8(a) STARS III Sales

### 8(a) STARS III Task Orders by Fiscal Year



### 8(a) STARS III Obligations by Fiscal Year





## Rising STARS

**Industry Partners Receiving their First Task Order Awards in February.**

METTLE SOLUTIONS, LLC  
 PROMETHEUS DIGITAL LLC  
 TRIPLEPOINT DSG JOINT VENTURE LLC

## Top 10 Agencies

Agencies	Task Orders	Obligated Value
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	139	\$280,470,317.58
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	102	\$273,877,029.03
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	97	\$226,204,091.86
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	57	\$123,857,857.46
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	51	\$120,531,043.19
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	15	\$120,192,984.89
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	45	\$105,537,299.33
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	64	\$104,697,484.03
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	35	\$93,342,146.77
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	42	\$81,095,815.06

Source: GWAC Dashboards—[www.gsa.gov/gwacsdashboards](http://www.gsa.gov/gwacsdashboards)



## 8(a) STARS III Trivia

### Labor rates apply to which contract types?

- A. Cost type contracting
- B. Time & material and labor hour
- C. Fixed Price

### 8(a) STARS III labor rates

- A. Are preferred rates that should be applied to task orders
- B. Are ceiling rates and should generally not be exceeded
- C. Are the lowest rates that may be charged at the task order level
- D. Are locked in rates that should always be used

Check your answers below!



## GSA eBuy Postings

Scope/Scope Sub-Area	RFPs	RFIs
Main Scope	12	27
Emerging Technology	0	2
OCONUS	1	0



## DPA Training Schedule

### Live Webinar Training

- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:00 PM ET: Have your customers register [here](#).

### 24/7 On Demand DPA Training

- YouTube

Be sure to share these training opportunities with your customers.

## DPAs Issued - 20 added in February

<b>Top 15 Agencies by DPA Holders</b>	<b># of DPA Holders</b>
Department of Homeland Security	171
General Services Administration	127
Department of Defense	119
Department of the Air Force	104
Department of the Treasury	84
Department of Health and Human Services	77
Department of the Interior	71
Department of Agriculture	70
Department of the Army	69
Department of Commerce	53
Department of the Navy	48
Department of Justice	31
Department of Transportation	29
Department of State	22
Small Business Administration	19
20 DPAs were issued in Feb	
1283 Total DPAs have been issued to date	



## Useful Information

- 8(a) STARS III was recently featured in NCMA's Contract Management Magazine. You may read the 8(a) STARS III Best Practices article [here](#).
- GSA OSDBU Training Opportunity - Marketing Your GSA Contract - March 14, 2024 at 1PM Eastern. Register [here](#) if you are interested in attending.
- All STARS III contracts are being modified to add FAR 52.204-30, Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act Orders-Prohibition. The team is using DocuSign to distribute the bilateral modifications to all STARS III Program Managers for signature; and a 'read only' copy is also being sent to each IP's STARS III group email address.
- 8(a) Program Participants - Please ensure that you have established your social disadvantaged narrative (SDN) with the SBA. Contact your Business Opportunity Specialist at your servicing SBA District Office if you have questions about your SDN status.
- Check out the National 8(a) Association's [Calendar of Events](#) if you are interested in learning more about upcoming opportunities to engage with federal agencies and network with other federal contractors.



## Reminders

- 8(a) STARS III industry partners must include the GSA contract access fee (CAF) as a **separate element / line item** on all quotes/proposals in accordance with section B.6.3 of your contract.
- If you need assistance with CPRM, you can find self-paced training modules on the CPRM homepage under the Access to Training Modules link (<https://assist.gsa.gov/assist2-web/help>) You can filter training offerings by selecting CPRM from the Tab filter.
- Do you need help keeping track of the 8(a) STARS III contract deliverables? Consider downloading the "8(a) STARS III Contract Deliverables" table from the 8(a) STARS III Resource Center. This resource is located in the Contract Resources section.
- Most master contract-related communications will come from [s3@gsa.gov](mailto:s3@gsa.gov). Please ensure [s3@gsa.gov](mailto:s3@gsa.gov) is in your 'safe sender list' and please reply to [s3@gsa.gov](mailto:s3@gsa.gov) rather than the individual listed as 'sent by' in the message header. All members of the STARS III team have access to [s3@gsa.gov](mailto:s3@gsa.gov) messages and having those messages in a common location simplifies responding to your inquiries.
- The 8(a) STARS III Pricing Tool currently displays awarded labor rates through Contract Year 5. Your awarded labor rates for all contract years was provided as an Excel file with your signed award documents; and those rates should be used for task order proposals that require pricing beyond year 5. Rates for Contract Years 6 through 13 will be adjusted prior to the option period as discussed at section B.13 of your STARS III contract

- **Appendix IX of the Small Business GWAC Ordering Guide** has been updated to reflect locality differentials as of January 2024. Agency COs can use these to adjust awarded labor rates when performance is outside the Washington-Baltimore-Arlington area.



### **Trivia Answers**

#### **Labor rates apply to which contract types?**

B. Time & material and labor hour

#### **8(a) STARS III labor rates**

B. Are ceiling rates and should generally not be exceeded

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