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8(a) STARS III Snapshot - July 2024

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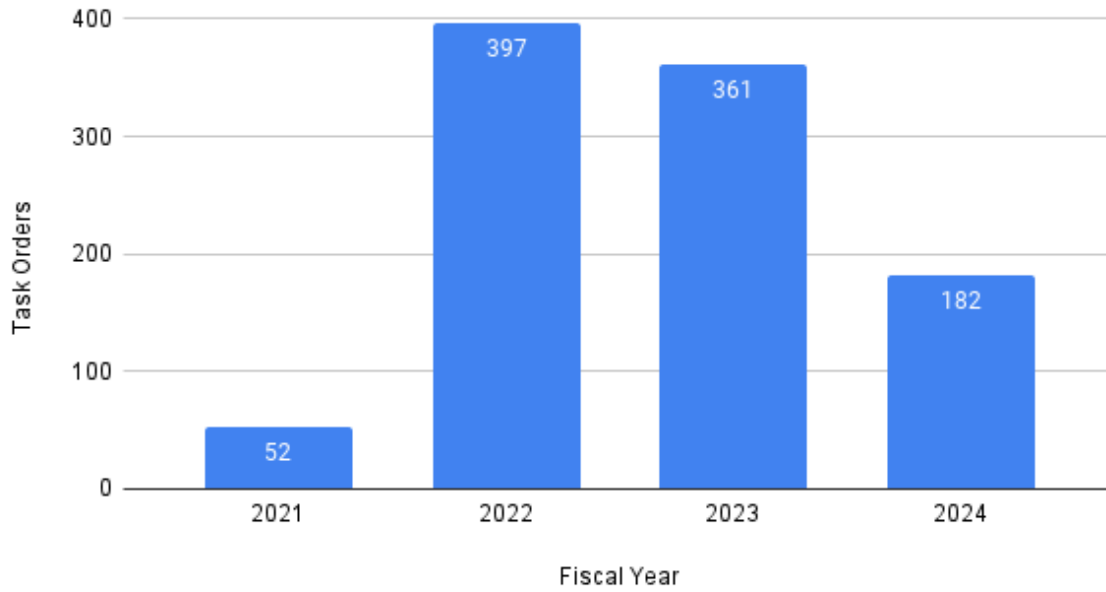
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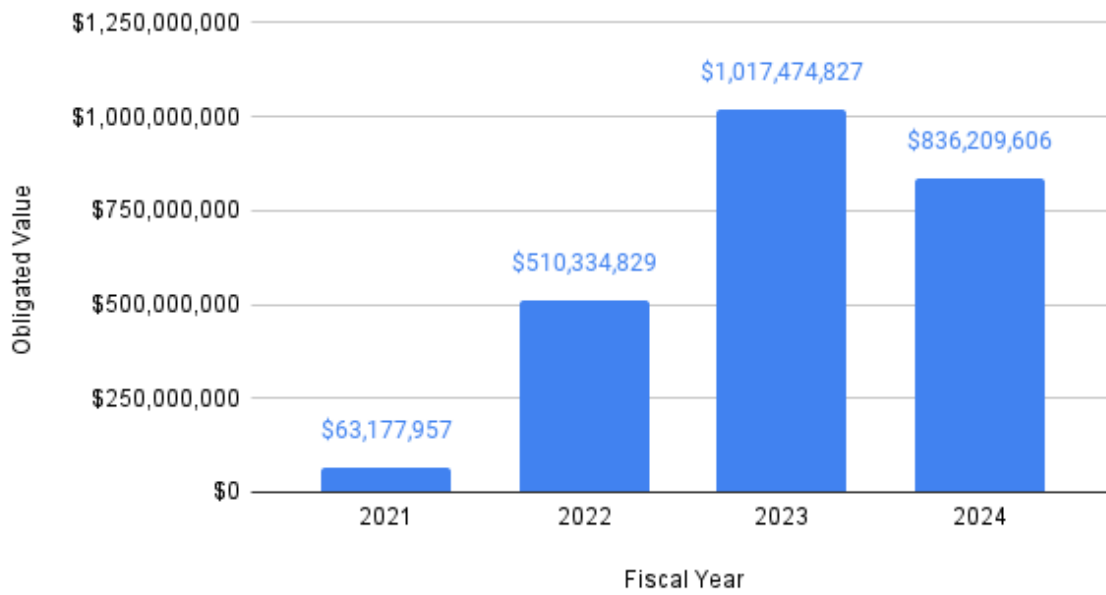
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8(a) STARS III Sales

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 July.

JSTP JV, LLC
 SYMPOSIT, LLC
 WERIS, INC

Top 10 Agencies

Agencies	Task Orders	Obligated Value
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	171	\$378,422,501.53
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	114	\$335,684,022.39
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	119	\$322,603,913.10
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	62	\$161,729,269.02
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	55	\$159,001,291.42
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	52	\$147,221,731.74
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	70	\$143,427,936.51
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	39	\$122,452,137.38
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	15	\$119,407,171.09
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	47	\$100,284,698.61

Source: GWAC Dashboards—www.gsa.gov/gwacsdashboards



8(a) STARS III Trivia

What is the maximum value of a task order award?

- a. \$4.5 million
- b. \$10 million
- c. \$75 million
- d. There is no maximum value up to the contract ceiling

What is the contract ceiling?

- a. \$12B
- b. \$22B
- c. \$50B
- d. 8(a) STARS III does not have a contract ceiling

Check your answers below!



GSA eBuy Postings

Scope/Scope Sub-Area	RFPs	RFIs
Main Scope	11	23
Emerging Technology	0	0
OCONUS	0	0



DPA Training Schedule

Live Webinar Training

- Tuesday, August 13, 2:00 PM ET: Have your customers register [here](#).
- Tuesday, September 10, 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 - 23 added in July

Top 15 Agencies by DPA Holders	# of DPA Holders
Department of Homeland Security	185
Department of Defense	139
General Services Administration	138
Department of the Air Force	113
Department of the Treasury	95
Department of Health and Human Services	91
Department of the Interior	79
Department of Agriculture	77
Department of the Army	72
Department of Commerce	56
Department of the Navy	53
Department of Justice	33
Department of Transportation	32
Department of State	29
Small Business Administration	19
23 DPAs were issued in July	
1439 Total DPAs have been issued to date	



Useful Information

- Jean Fluevog and Herman Lyons attended NCMA's World Congress 2024 and provided 8(a) STARS III training to acquisition professionals. The STARS III duo also met with several 8(a) STARS III industry partners also in attendance.



- Laura Stanton, GSA Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Information Technology Category recently featured the 8(a) STARS III GWAC in her Great Government Through Technology Blog. You can check out the Celebrating a Major Small Business Milestone blog posting [here](#).
- Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) goals are increasing to 15% in FY25 and 8(a) STARS III can help agencies meet the challenge. Read OMB Memo M-24-01, Increasing the Share of Contract Dollars Awarded to SDBs for FY24 and in Subsequent FYs, for more information.
- Did you miss the Bidspeed training series held in May for 8(a) STARS III industry partners? Don't worry, the sessions were recorded.
 - Kick-off Session
 - Session 1: Communicating with Government & Understanding RFQs
 - Session 2: Preparing in Advance &

Submitting a Response

- Session 3: Effective Teaming Strategies
- Session 4: Marketing Your Capabilities

- Thank you to the many Industry Partners who submitted their annual Subcontracting Report and/or C-SCRM Plan update by July 31, 2024. If you have not submitted these deliverables yet for Contract Year 3, please review sections G.19 and G.20 of your contract and do so as soon as possible.

- Save the Date - 8(a) STARS III Program Management Review (PMR) - November 7, 2024 at 2PM Eastern. PMR Webinar details will be emailed to all industry partners.



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. Please ensure s3@gsa.gov is in your 'safe sender list' and please reply to 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 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.
- 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.
- Check out the [New 8\(a\) STARS III infographic](#) created by the Information Technology Vendor Management Office.



Trivia Answers

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c. \$50B

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