



STARS III <s3@gsa.gov>

---

## 8(a) STARS III Snapshot - October 2023

1 message

---

GSA 8(a) STARS III Team <gsa@notify.gsa.gov>

Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 8:04 AM

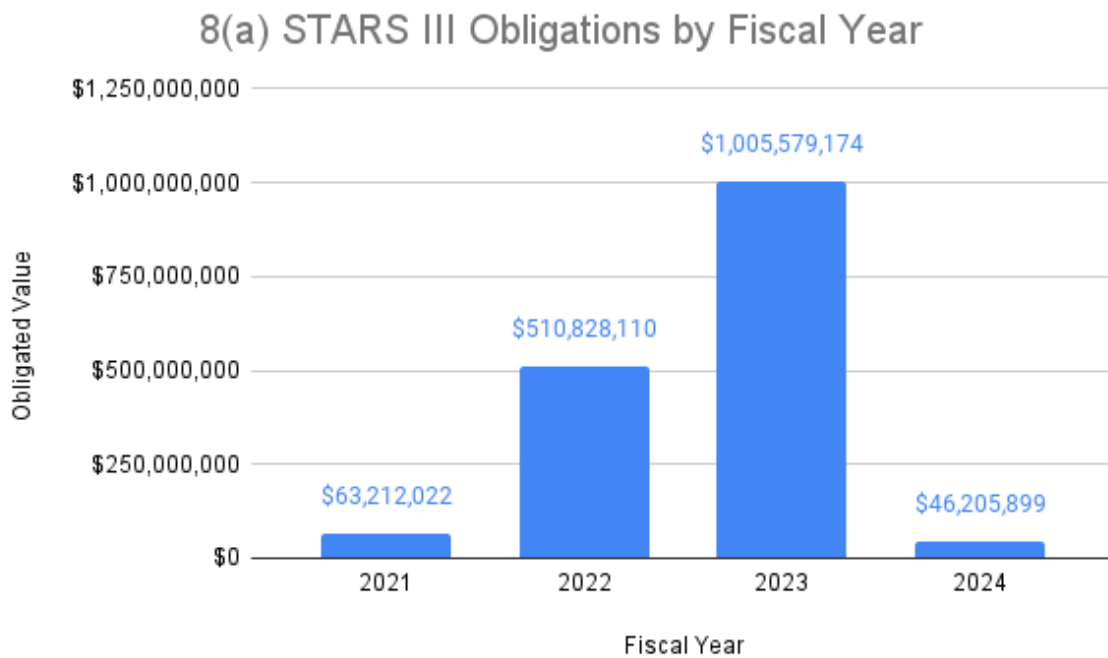
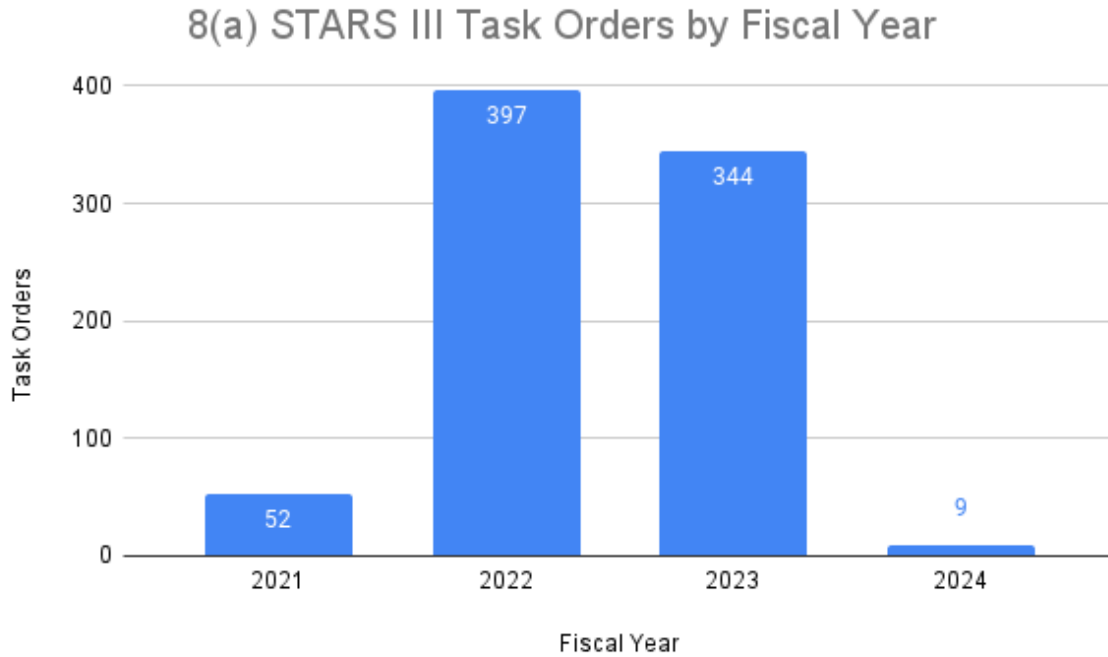
Reply-To: gsa@notify.gsa.gov

To: s3@gsa.gov



## October 2023 Snapshot

# 8(a) STARS III Sales



## Rising STARS

Industry Partners Receiving their First Task Order Awards in October.

CHANGEIS, INC.

## Top 10 Agencies

Agency Users	Task Orders	Obligated Value
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	135	\$267,085,791.07
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	97	\$245,131,752.52
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	93	\$209,857,044.80
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	47	\$100,413,271.96
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	45	\$98,709,855.86
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	64	\$98,214,490.86
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	39	\$85,439,361.68
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	28	\$81,268,859.67
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	14	\$80,717,375.63
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	39	\$66,618,644.24

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



### 8(a) STARS III Trivia

The 8(a) STARS III Ordering period is:

- A. One five-year base period with one three-year option period.
- B. One three-year base period with one five-year option period.
- C. One five-year base period with one five-year option period.
- D. It depends on what cohort the industry partner received their award

**The contract ordering period is different for Cohort 1, Cohort 2, and Cohort 3 IPs.**

True or False

**Check your answers below!**



## GSA eBuy Postings

Scope/Scope Sub-Area	RFPs	RFIs
Main Scope	4	28
Emerging Technology	0	2
OCONUS	0	2



## DPA Training Schedule

### Live Webinar Training

- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 2:00pm ET - [Register here](#)

### 24/7 On Demand DPA Training

- [YouTube](#)

Be sure to share these training opportunities with your customers.

## DPAs Issued - 18 added in October

Top 15 Agencies by DPA Holders	# of DPA Holders
Department of Homeland Security	154
General Services Administration	118
Department of Defense	109
Department of the Air Force	95
Department of the Treasury	72
Department of the Interior	70
Department of Agriculture	68
Department of Health and Human Services	68
Department of the Army	67
Department of Commerce	49
Department of the Navy	45
Department of Justice	29
Department of Transportation	29
Department of State	22
Small Business Administration	19
18 DPAs were issued in Oct	
1195 Total DPAs have been issued to date	



## Useful Information

- Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) goals are increasing to 13% in FY24. Read OMB Memo M-24-01, Increasing the Share of Contract Dollars Awarded to Small Disadvantaged Businesses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and in Subsequent FYs, for more information.
- GSA Training Opportunity - Policy Landscape webinar - changes affecting the federal marketplace (12/6/23). Register here if interested in attending.
- FAR Proposed Rule "Rerepresentation of Size and Socioeconomic Status" was posted on September 29, 2023. We encourage you to read the proposed rule which can be accessed via this link: [88 FR 67189](#) Comment period closes November 28, 2023.
- FAR Proposed Rule "Cyber Threat and Incident Reporting and Information Sharing" was posted on October 3, 2023. We encourage you to read the proposed rule which can be accessed via this link: [88 FR 68055](#) Comment period closes December 4, 2023.
- FAR Proposed Rule "Standardizing Cybersecurity Requirements for Unclassified Federal Information Systems" was posted on October 3, 2023. We encourage you to read the proposed rule which can be accessed via this link: [88 FR 68402](#) Comment period closes December 4, 2023.
- On demand training and contract resources are available 24/7 in the 8(a) STARS III Resource Center at [vsc.gsa.gov/s3](https://vsc.gsa.gov/s3). Be sure to share this resource with others in your organization.



## 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.
- Please do not include [stars3awardees@gsa.gov](mailto:stars3awardees@gsa.gov) in the "to" or "cc/bcc" line when replying to emails that were sent to your STARS3 group email address. Including only the intended recipients ensures that your email is not mass distributed to all 8(a) STARS III industry partners.
- Add "[ReportingInquiries@gsa.gov](mailto:ReportingInquiries@gsa.gov)" to your approved sender list. A team of program analysts supporting the STARS III team will send notices when required reporting is delinquent from the "[ReportingInquiries@gsa.gov](mailto:ReportingInquiries@gsa.gov)" email address. Failure to report timely or respond to a request for action will impact your STARS III performance record!
- 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.
- Our team would like to take a moment to inform you about our new inquiry collection system. The linked [Governmentwide Acquisition Contract \(GWAC\) Contractor Payment Reporting Module \(CPRM\) Inquiries Google Form](#) makes it very quick and easy to submit inquiries and questions that you have previously sent to the [reportinginquiries@gsa.gov](mailto:reportinginquiries@gsa.gov) email box. Please save the link to your bookmarks so that you can easily access it at any time.
- 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.

- The [8\(a\) STARS III GWAC](#) has a new logo. Industry partners are encouraged to download the new logo for use on [8\(a\) STARS III marketing materials](#). Both .jpg and .png file formats are available for download in the [8\(a\) STARS III Resource Center](#).
- 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 Resource Center](#) has a new shortcut, [vsc.gsa.gov/s3](https://vsc.gsa.gov/s3) for easier access. We recommend that you save this website to your favorites for quick access to [8\(a\) STARS III resources](#).
- The SAM.gov minor name and address change fix is live. Read about the update at [GSA's Interact](#).
- Effective August 1, 2023, Contract Access Fee (CAF) payments by check will no longer be accepted. All vendors must submit the CAF through the Contractor Payment Reporting Module and [pay.gov](https://pay.gov).
- Stay informed on federal agency OSDBU events year round at <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/#/gateway/federal-osdbu-directors-interagency-council/79871/events-calendar>
- 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.



**Trivia Answers**

**The 8(a) STARS III Ordering period is:**

A. One five-year base period with one three-year option period.

**The contract ordering period is different for Cohort 1, Cohort 2, and Cohort 3 IPs.**

False

---

This email was sent to [s3@gsa.gov](mailto:s3@gsa.gov) on behalf of General Services Administration · 1800 F St. NW · Washington, DC 20405 · 866-606-8220