The Veterans Technology Services (VETS) Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) presents an excellent opportunity for federal agencies to achieve small business goals through purchase of Information Technology solutions from small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.

The VETS GWAC is a small business set-aside contract for service-disabled veteran-owned (SDVO) small technology firms. It is the result of Executive Order 13360 that is designed to strengthen federal contracting opportunities for SDVO technology firms. Vision Technologies, as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, delivers best-value IT services and solutions to the federal government. Through the VETS contract, Vision Technologies heads a team of 18 companies to provide services under both Functional Areas—FA1 for systems operations and maintenance and FA2 for Information Systems Engineering.

**VETS GWAC Delegation of Ordering Authority**

Federal buyers wanting to use the VETS Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) must receive training on the proper use of VETS contract and be granted a written delegation of ordering authority (Delegation) signed by a VETS GWAC Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) prior to competing for and issuing VETS GWAC task orders.

The training may take as little as 15 to 30 minutes. In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget guidelines, delegation is required by GSA’s Quality Assurance Plan and the Delegation training enables contract officers to use the contract more effectively. Delegation can only be granted to warranted Ordering Contracting Officers (OCOs), however, all individuals involved with an order are encouraged to participate in the training.

Delegation is easily requested and is routinely handled through a brief conference call with a VETS GWAC PCO. To start the process, Contracting Officers interested in becoming VETS GWAC OCOs need to submit the following information to vetsgwac@gsa.gov:

1. The Agency name, the individual(s) full name, street address, email address, phone number and fax number for each Contracting Officer requesting VETS GWAC delegation of ordering authority.
2. Scan and email a copy of each Contracting Officer’s warrant to the names listed above or copies may be faxed to (816) 823-1608.
3. Names of other individuals who may be participating in the training (Please note: These additional individuals, if not Contracting Officers, are not eligible to receive delegation of ordering authority.)
4. Upon receipt of this information, a VETS GWAC PCO will contact the Contracting Officer(s) to set up a training date and time. After the training is completed, the Delegation memorandum will be sent to the contracting officer. Upon bilateral execution, the contracting officer will be a VETS GWAC OCO.

**VETS GWAC Features**

- Five-year base period
- One five-year option
- Ordering procedures based on Fair Opportunity (FAR 16.505)
- $5 billion program ceiling

**Functional Areas:**

- Systems Operations & Maintenance
- Information Systems Engineering

**VETS GWAC Benefits**

- Federal agency assistance in meeting 3% goal for contracting with service disabled veteran-owned firms
- Pre-competed, easy to use contracts
- Short procurement lead time
- Training and support from VETS GWAC acquisition team
- Increased contracting opportunities for small business
- Limited protestability

For Additional Information:

www.vets-gsa.com
www.gsa.gov/vetsgwac