

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

The federal government contracting system is a process composed of three phases. The phases are Pre-Award, Award and Post-Award. Each phase of the process requires the business to complete specific steps for a selected service, supply, construction, architect and engineering or research and development requirement being offered to the government.

AWARDS:

Target the dollar requirements in the Federal Government at the:

1) Micro Purchase Level	\$1- \$3,500	Not Advertised
2) Simplified Acquisitions	\$3,500- \$25,000	Not Advertised
3) Simplified Acquisitions	\$25,000- \$ 6.5 Million	Advertised
4) Contract Level	\$25,000- \$\$\$\$\$,\$\$\$	Advertised

PROCUREMENT PROCESS:

- 1) The government acquires supplies and services at the micro purchase level using IMPACT credit cards, one source, large or small vendor, no competition required.
- 2) The government acquires supplies and services between \$3,500 and \$25,000 using simplified acquisition procedures, competitive, 3 vendors solicited by phone, mail, fax or email.
- 3) The government acquires supplies and services over \$25,000 and up to \$6.5 million using simplified acquisition procedures. The requirements must be published at www.fbo.gov
- 4) The government requirements for supplies and services over \$25,000 (contract level) must be published at www.fbo.gov

FREQUENTLY USED WEBSITES:

www.fbo.gov Government web site postings for federal procurements over \$25,000
www.irs.gov Federal Tax Identification Number
www.dandb.com Dun and Bradstreet Number (Free)
www.census.gov North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
www.sam.gov System Award Management (Registration site replaced www.ccr.gov)
www.sba.gov Small Business Administration
www.gsa.gov General Service Administration access to getting on schedules
www.dla.mil Defense Logistics Agency
www.dcaa.mil/cam.html DCAA Contract Audit Manual
www.vip.vetbiz.gov Veteran Resources
www.acquisition.gov/far Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)
www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/publications U.S. Small Business Specialist Handbook and Subcontracting Opportunities with DoD Major Prime Contractors
www.usaspending.gov Federal Government Spending for the previous year(s)

PTAC CONTACTS:

Contact your Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) specialist at www.fptac.org for assistance on contracting with Federal, State, and Local governments. Up-dated-3-2018