

## What Is 8(a) STARS II?

It's a Multiple-Award, Indefinite-Delivery / Indefinite-Quantity (MA-ID/IQ) contract vehicle that provides federal agencies with IT service-based solutions from 8(a) small businesses.

8(a) STARS II is essentially a “small business set-aside” that offers access to 8(a) firms through an established contract vehicle. Because it's pre-competed, the vehicle is a streamlined alternative to time-consuming and costly open competitions.

## How Did CSCI Become a Vendor?

Industry partners on 8(a) STARS II have been thoroughly vetted through proven performance.

As an approved partner, CSCI demonstrated our success offering competitive pricing to provide End-to-End (E2E) support – from development to deployment to system maintenance and sustainment – for many of the IT languages, platforms, and tools used in the public sector.

## Why Use 8(a) STARS II?

8(a) STARS II allows for both competitive and directed “sole source” Task Orders (TOs) using Firm Fixed Price (FFP), Time and Material (T&M), and/or Labor Hour (LH) pricing.

Directed TOs are permitted up to \$4 Million. Since it's exclusive to 8(a) firms, the entire contract vehicle has been accepted into the 8(a) program. As a result, directed TOs don't have to be individually approved. They also don't depend on the industry partner being listed today as a small business in SAM.gov. Instead, they must be listed as small on the 8(a) STARS II contract records in FPDS-NG.

Since CSCI is listed as small on our 8(a) STARS II FPDS-NG record, we can receive a directed TO through 8(a) STARS II.

## What Is the Contract Ordering Period?

Task orders can be issued until August 30, 2021. Project work, including option periods, must be completed by August 30, 2024.

## How Is 8(a) STARS II Structured?

8(a) STARS II divides its business categories into four (4) Functional Areas (FA). Each FA corresponds to a specific North American Industry Code (NAIC). There are two “Constellation” tiers, each with associated credentials.

CSCI is a vendor for three (3) of these FAs under Constellation I:

- **FA 1 (NAIC 541511): Custom Computer Programming Services.** *Examples of work include custom computer program/software development, custom computer software analysis/design, and custom computer software support.*
- **FA 2 (NAIC 541512): Computer Systems Design Services.** *Examples of work include systems integration analysis/design, computer hardware/software consulting, and network systems design.*
- **FA 4 (NAIC 541519): Other Computer-Related Services.** *Examples of work include computer disaster recovery and computer software installation.*

## How Do I Utilize 8(a) STARS II?

Contracting Officers (KOs) must be trained and receive a Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) that specifically authorizes them to issue task orders on 8(a) STARS II. KOs can receive DPA training in several ways:

- Through [self-paced videos](#) on YouTube. There are four (4) videos in total and the full course takes about forty (40) minutes.
- Through a self-paced review of the 8(a) STARS II [Ordering Guide](#).
- Through online courses at the [Defense Acquisition University \(DAU\)](#).

Once training is complete, a KO can request a DPA by submitting the Request Form [online](#). Responses are typically provided within twenty-four (24) hours. It's that simple.

## Want more info?

Check out the official 8(a) STARS II [website!](#)