



## General Services Administration (GSA) Helps Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Do Business With the Government

**THERE IS NO QUESTION** *that veterans like you are among a group of people who are held in the highest regard in our society. No matter where, when, or how you served, you unselfishly committed your life to preserving the security of all Americans. In turn, your government has committed itself to providing you with special status when competing for government business.*

### Background

In August 1999, the President and Congress recognized the challenges service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) face in their participation in government contracting and enacted the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999. The Act mandates that “the government-wide goal for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans shall be established at not less than three percent of the total value of all prime contract and subcontract awards for each fiscal year.”

To further increase opportunities for SDVOSBs in government contracting, in December 2003, the President and Congress enacted the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. The Act is designed to establish greater economic entrepreneurial opportunities for the 2.2 million service-disabled veterans in the U.S.

Under the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003, federal agencies may:

- Restrict certain contracts to SDVOSBs if at least two are expected to submit offers.
- Sole source to an SDVOSB for up to \$5 million for manufacturing contracts and \$3 million for non-manufacturing contracts, provided there is no reasonable expectation that at least two SDVOSBs are expected to submit offers.

### What is GSA?

The GSA is one of the premier federal agencies for government contracting. GSA’s many contract vehicles connect federal agencies with vendors like you, to fulfill their agency’s needs. GSA would like to assist you to do business with the federal government by helping you get a GSA contract.

### Why Should I Become a GSA Contractor?

- GSA acts as a catalyst for nearly \$66 billion in federal spending.
- GSA is the fifth largest procurement agency in the U.S. government.
- GSA is widely recognized for its innovative solutions to assist our nation’s small businesses in government contracting.
- GSA facilitates the purchase of a wide range of products and services—from paper clips to office space and from temporary help to large consulting contracts.
- GSA has an established gateway with tools and vehicles already in place to streamline the process.
- Training is available to help you get started.
- GSA is partnering with multiple federal agencies on this initiative, including the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Small Business Administration.

**For more information on contracting opportunities with GSA**, visit [www.gsa.gov/service-disabled](http://www.gsa.gov/service-disabled) or contact us at 1-800-488-3111. GSA does not charge a fee for getting on contract and can offer the assistance you need to get started.

### Our Goal

In the past, agencies have not been able to meet their goals in contracting with SDVOSBs. This is due in large part to the lack of identified SDVOSBs in the marketplace. Through our outreach efforts, GSA stands ready to afford greater opportunities to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses like yours.

### GSA SDVOSB Points of Contact:

**1-800-488-3111**

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