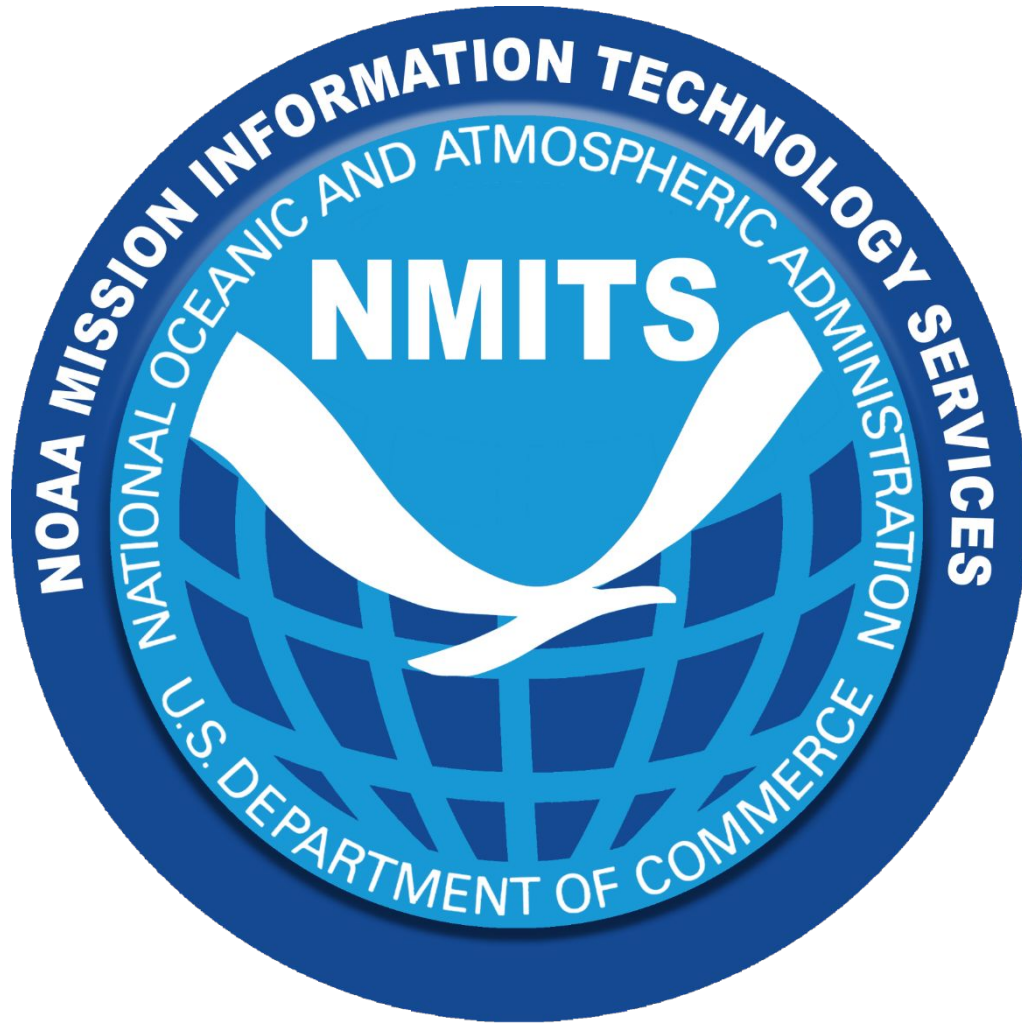




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# **NOAA Mission Information Technology Services (NMITS) 101**

# NMITS Overview

- ❑ NOAA Mission Information Technology Services (NMITS) is a multiple-award blanket purchase agreement (BPA).
- ❑ This BPA provides an ordering source for commercial information technology service requirements across six core management components in support of NOAA Line and Staff Offices.



Enterprise Services



Enterprise Computing, Cloud, Storage, Shared, and Field Services



Customer Support Services



Data and Voice Network Services



Mission and Business Applications, Tools, Portals, and Web Services



Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Services

# NMITS Overview Cont'd

- ❑ The NMITS vehicle is a premier solution for obtaining IT services here at the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) using it's small business partners.
- ❑ NMITS is a suite of multiple-award Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) provided under the General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule the Special Item Number (SIN) # 54151S. The BPAs service a wide variety of IT services with competitive prices while meeting NOAA's socioeconomic small business goals.

# NMITS Overview Cont'd

- ❑ 10 Year Ordering Period (November 20, 2020 through November 19, 2030)
- ❑ 5 year base + 5 year option period
- ❑ Task Orders may extend 60 months beyond the end of the final BPA ordering period
- ❑ \$2.1 billion estimated spending over the course of the BPAs
- ❑ The NMITS BPAs are available for use by NOAA Line and Staff Offices through a partnership with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).
- ❑ The NMITS BPAs may be used by other Department of Commerce (DOC) Bureaus with appropriate waivers
- ❑ Originally 29 GSA Small Business Partners were given BPA awards under SIN 54151S (as of 1/2024 there are currently 25 vendors in the pool)

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# NMITS Benefits

- ❑ Partnerships with Industry that understand NOAA's mission
- ❑ Competitive solutions that will develop a secure, reliable, technically robust operating environment for emergency management officials, decision makers, researchers, and the general public
- ❑ Acquisition cost savings, enhance return on investments and cost efficiencies for information resource management
- ❑ Streamlined approach through evaluation criteria on orders. Orders have the flexibility of being issued as Firm-Fixed Price, Labor-Hour, and Time & Materials.

# Beyond NMITS Scope

These items are not provided under NMITS:

- ❑ Services under the Micro-Purchase Threshold
- ❑ Services provided under the 8(a) program (FAR 19.8)
- ❑ Services that fit predominantly within the scope of ProTech
- ❑ Non-commercial IT (i.e. High Performance Computing)
- ❑ IT specified to be purchased through DOC Enterprise Services
- ❑ IT Hardware and Software Licenses
- ❑ Enterprise Infrastructure Solution (EIS) Services

# NMITS and Small Business

- ❑ The NMITS BPA is 100% set aside for small business concerns.
- ❑ NMITS does not allow for further set-asides at the order level at this time. The “rule of 2” has been met with the 40% socio-economic intent of the NMITS RFQ and BPA awards. Small business credit will be received for orders based on the small business type of the TO awardee.



# Category Management

- ❑ Sources for Information Technology Services at NOAA
- ❑ Order of Preference
  - #1: NOAA Mission Information Technology Services (NMITS)
  - #2: Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC)  
e.g. GSA Federal Supply Schedule, GSA 8(a) STARS III, NITAAC CIO-SP3, NASA SEWP V (set-asides allowed)
  - #3: Open market ([beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov))

# NMITS Utilization

- The first Solicitation released in April of 2021
- ~ 2 Sources Sought have been released; 1 Industry Day Notice issued and 23 RFQ's. Each division within AGO has utilized the NMITS BPAs
- Vendor responses per TO; average is 5
- 32 actions have been awarded; ~\$508M in value

# Contractor Teaming Arrangements under NMITS

- ❑ Under CTAs, each contractor has privity of contract with the buying agency.
- ❑ When a BPA order is awarded with a CTA, small business achievement in contractual terms is based upon the dollar amount of the work the small business contractors perform under the order.
- ❑ The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) currently will only accept information relating to one contractor per order. Therefore, the buying agency must determine which CTA member is realizing the preponderance of the revenue for an order and report that contractor's information to FPDS.

# BPA Terms & Conditions

- ❑ Annual Review of the BPA: FAR 8.405-3(e)
  - Ensure that authorized procedures are being followed
  - Determine whether current circumstances warrant continuation of the BPAs
  - Determine that the BPAs still represents the best value to the Government
  - Ensure the GSA Schedule contract is still in effect; and,
  - Verify the BPA holder and CTA members size status as a Small Business Concern in accordance with the BPA holder and CTA Members base GSA FSS Contract. If a firm no longer presents as small business, off-ramp procedures will be incorporated; Perform on-ramp procedures of new CTA members if applicable.

# BPA Terms & Conditions Cont'd

## ❑ Off-Ramping Provisions

- Size certification for BPA holders GSA Schedule Contract has changed to Other than Small. BPA Holders that recertify resulting in a change to other than Small are required to notify the contracting officer and will no longer be able to compete for new awards.
- For BPA holders operating under a CTA, if a Team member certifies to other than small, the BPA holder will not be eligible for further awards in the task areas where the CTA member was identified as the lead. The BPA holder will be given the opportunity to replace the CTA member through an on ramp procedure providing the contracting officer determines that it is in the best interest of the Government.
- Firms that continuously fail to provide a responses to delivery/task order RFQs; Firms that fail to complete task order objectives and demonstrate poor performance; Firms that become ineligible IAW FAR Subpart 9.4, entitled “Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility”.

# Subcontracting Opportunities

- There are currently no limitations on Subcontracting under the NMITS vehicle, below are the NMITS PRIME vendors & contact information:

A- Tek	<a href="mailto:contracts@atekinc.com">contracts@atekinc.com</a>
Alethix LLC	<a href="mailto:peter.surprenant@alethix.com">peter.surprenant@alethix.com</a>
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Diamond Information Systems LLC	<a href="mailto:nmits@diamondis.com">nmits@diamondis.com</a>



# Conclusion

- ❑ NMITS utilization appears to represent the best value to the Government and the Agency
- ❑ The reduced number of eligible vendors has had not affected TO responses
- ❑ No plans in the immediate future to on-ramp. Pool size remains sufficient for competition



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