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What is NITAAC CIO-CS?

CIO-CS is an Office of Management and Budget authorized Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) covering everything IT, from commodities to commodity-enabling solutions and services. This Indefinite Delivery & Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract vehicle is managed by the Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC) and has a base year period of 5/1/2015 - 4/30/2020, with an optional period of performance extending until 4/30/2025. **The CIO-CS contract can be used by all federal agencies and approved federal contractors.**

GovSmart is a HUBZone and 8(a) participant as a prime contractor on NITAAC CIO-CS. **You can purchase ANY type of "information technology" product or service through CIO-CS** in a very timely manner while also ensuring that you receive participation from your preferred socio-economic group. Each competed group (Group B HUBZone, etc.) has the **exact same** scope of work. It does not matter which NAICS code is typically used for the particular product or service you are buying.

Unlike GSA and many other contracts, the CIO-CS Technology Refreshment Process (TRP) enables commodities to be added in real time to minimize acquisition timeframes. **Same-day acquisitions are fully supported under CIO-CS.** Ordering procedures are streamlined under **FAR 16.505**. CIO-CS also has a fee of only **.35%**, which is considerably lower than GSA and most other GWACs. Authority under this contract comes from: **Section 5002** of the Information Technology Management Reform Act ("Clinger-Cohen Act"), 40 U.S.C. which defines "Information Technology" as follows:

(3) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—(A) The term "information technology", with respect to an executive agency means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, that is used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency... (B) **The term "information technology" includes computers, ancillary (supporting) equipment, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources.**

Steps to purchase your Information Technology on CIO-CS:

- Step 1:** Define scope of project and all requirements
- Step 2:** Contact GovSmart for a market research estimate so that products can be added to the contract for immediate purchase
- Step 3:** After receiving estimate from GovSmart, log into NITAAC's Electronic Government Ordering System (e-GOS) <https://cio.egos.nih.gov/#login>
- Step 4:** Select "Group B HUBZone" and upload applicable documents (RFP, specs sheets, etc.)
- Step 5:** Select the close time for the solicitation (can be same-day if needed)
- Step 6:** Select awardee and create contract using your internal purchasing system
- Step 7:** Issue award to GovSmart directly, or email award to NITAACsupport@nih.gov and copy CIOCS@govsmart.com



For assistance with any matter related to using CIO-CS, please feel free to contact GovSmart directly CIOCS@govsmart.com and (434) 326-5656, or the NITAAC Customer Support Center at NITAACsupport@nih.gov and (888) 773-6542.