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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Use of Government-wide Acquisition Contracts Set Aside Exclusively for Small Businesses

The Department of Defense is committed to removing any barriers that impede the maximum utilization of small businesses in performing our requirements. In keeping with the spirit and direct intent of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics memorandum of September 14, 2010, entitled "Better Buying Power: Guidance for Obtaining Greater Efficiency and Productivity in Defense Spending," below is a list of government-wide acquisition contracts (GWACs) set aside exclusively for small businesses. Each of these GWACs is for information technology-related products and services. Contracting officers are encouraged to use these resources to maximize small business prime contracting opportunities.

This list is intended to facilitate the contracting community's market research responsibilities in identifying small businesses that can meet the needs of the department.

\*GSA Alliant Small Business - http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104964

\*GSA 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services (STARS) - http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104853 (expires Nov 2011)

\*GSA 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services II (STARS II) - <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105243">http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105243</a> (expected to be awarded this summer)

\*GSA Veterans Technology Services (VETS) - <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104996">http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104996</a> \*HHS Chief Information Officer-Solutions and Partners 3 Innovations (CIO SP3) Small Business (expected to be awarded this year) - www.nitaac.nih.gov

Your assistance is requested in supporting this effort. The DPAP staff point of contact is Ms. Cassandra R. Freeman, 703-693-7062, or <u>cassandra\_freeman@osd.mil</u>.

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