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Set-Aside Alert news analysis:

Debt default averted: Bipartisan bill cuts fed'l spending by 1%

Congress narrowly avoided causing a devastating default in the nation's ability to borrow funds by approving a deal with President Joe Biden to suspend the debt ceiling until Jan. 1, 2025, shortly after the 2024 election.

In exchange for allowing a raise to the debt ceiling, federal spending will be capped at approximately current levels in fiscal 2024 and will be cut by 1% in fiscal 2025. Those caps likely would cause agency budgets to fall behind inflation. The bill also made several policy and program changes.

The House and Senate voted to approve a bill to carry out the deal, and the president signed it, just days before the June 5 deadline when the nation's credit limit would have had a catastrophic breach.

For federal contractors, the avoidance of default brings relief that feared delays and disruptions in payments also have been avoided and the current appropriations may be spent roughly on schedule through the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. The traditional "busy season" for federal spending starts on July 1, as it does each year.

At the same time, there is concern that the debt ceiling bill's caps on spending in the coming year would

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SBA, GSA to boost 8(a)s on Schedules

The Small Business Administration is collaborating with the General Services Administration to expand procurements from 8(a) Business Development participants through GSA's Multiple-Award Schedules program.

The joint effort is called the 8(a) MAS Pool Initiative. It aims to help ful-fill President Biden's goal of lifting procurements from Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs). All 8(a) firms are certified as SDBs.

SBA and GSA officials said they will create a pool of 8(a) firms within the Schedules to make it easier for

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More VA awards, fewer vendors

The Veterans Affairs Dept. in recent years has been awarding about half of the value of its IT contract awards to only 10 contractors each year, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office.

The GAO examined trends in the VA's IT contracting. It found an increasing concentration of contracts to fewer vendors, as well as an increase in IT contract awards even as the number of vendors was shrinking. The watchdog agency also noted a lack of oversight. Concentration of vendors

The GAO identified the bulk of VA's IT obligations being awarded to a small number of vendors.

The proportion of the VA's IT obligations received by the 10 vendors with the most such awards in a given year rose from 45% in fiscal year 2017 to 56% in fiscal year 2021.

The specific contractors that com-

prise that top 10 change each year. Even so, the GAO identified enhanced concentration among fewer contractors.

Furthermore, the watchdog agency found that the VA's 30 top IT contractors in a given year received roughly 75% of all the VA's IT awards each year.

Additional findings

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New HUBZone map on July 1

The Small Business Administration's new HUBZone map-based on the 2020 Census-goes into effect on July 1. The new map includes more than 3,000 additional census tracts, potentially attracting thousands more small businesses into the program. See the preview map at https://tinyurl.com/nhhskny4.

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Fed'l agencies begin enforcing TikTok removal

Agencies have begun enforcing Congress' ban on TikTok in federal information technology systems and on contractor systems that are significantly interacting with federal IT systems.

As directed by Congress, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memo with requirements to carry out the ban, and contractor deadlines that started on May 28.

The OMB memo stated that the TikTok ban covers IT owned or operated by federal agencies, and also IT used by a contractor in a federal con-

tract that requires the use of that IT.

The requiring of that IT may be explicit or it may also include IT used "to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product," the OMB memo stated.

It does not apply to "incidental" company IT equipment.

Compliance deadlines:

The OMB memo further provides that by May 28, agencies were to have ensured that no new contracts include use of TikTok; and agencies must have stopped using contracts that rely on TikTok.

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have to be included very quickly in fiscal 2024 appropriations bills already under discussion. That rushed timing is raising anxiety.

The debt ceiling bill puts defense spending in fiscal 2024 at \$886 billion, which is a 3% increase from current levels.

Also in fiscal year 2024, non-defense discretionary spending would be flat and roughly the same as the fiscal 2023 appropriations with various adjustments. In fiscal year 2025, those budget caps would rise by 1%.

Other provisions include:

- --Rescinding \$28 billion in unobligated Covid relief funds;
- --Reducing the Internal Revenue Service's budget by \$1.4 billion and also withdrawing about \$20 billion provided to the IRS by the Inflation Reduc-

tion Act. That money was meant to help restore the agency after years of reductions. The IRS said the additional funds were for supporting operations, modernizing customer service technology and providing assistance to taxpayers;

- --Restarting student loan payments that had been suspended by the Biden Administration;
- --Implementing work requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits on people up to 55 years old (the current threshold is 50), with carve-outs for veterans and homeless people; and --Reducing the authorities of the National Environmental Policy Act to allow for streamlined permitting for energy projects.

More information:

Debt ceiling bill text https://tinyurl.com/ 52vt8mfu

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the period of fiscal 2017 to fiscal 2021 include:

- --The VA's IT obligations increased from \$4.2 billion to \$6.5 billion during the four-year period, which was a 55% increase;
- --The number of contractors receiving IT awards from the VA decreased from 1,641 vendors to 1,200 vendors, a 26% reduction;
- --The number of veteran-owned contractors receiving VA IT obligations fell to 327 such vendors, down from 367, from 2017-2021. That was an 11% drop; and

--The number of non-veteran-owned contractors slipped by 30% to 873, down from 1,247.

The GAO also found that VA's procurement of IT did not always receive appropriate oversight.

For example, from March 2018 to September 2021 there were 39% of new VA IT contract actions awarded without evidence of CIO approval.

Also, 14 of 26 selected fiscal year 2021 contract actions did not have CIO approvals.

More information:

GAO report https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-23-106845.pdf

Federal contractors must ensure that TikTok is removed from all their IT systems, that TikTok cannot be downloaded or accessed on any company IT and that any use of TikTok going forward can be identified, according to an analysis by Holland & Knight law firm.

The memo pertains only to IT for federal contracts. But Holland & Knight advises that all contractor IT meets the requirements because IT "is often fluid and not easily segregated."

Also, an interim rule was released, effective June 2, implementing the TikTok ban for future IDIQ contracts and contract extensions.

More information: OMB memo https://tinyurl.com/2p8mpkvf

Holland & Knight https://tinyurl.com/ 4npbdfwk

Interim rule https://tinyurl.com/36bp74jh

SBA, GSA boost 8(a)s

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contracting officials to identify the 8(a) firms within industries.

Participants in the pool will receive a designation that indicates to agency buyers that a business is eligible for 8(a) sole source awards and competitive setasides

Once the MAS 8(a) companies are in the pool, later this year, and the MAS solicitation is refreshed, buyers will be able to make 8(a)-directed awards. This will result in a streamlined process and greater flexibility, officials said.

The goal is for federal agencies to leverage the \$40 billion-plus size of the MAS Schedules marketplace to achieve their SDB contracting goals while also making smart contracting decisions

"This joint initiative between the SBA and GSA will increase federal contracting opportunities for thousands of minority-owned and other SDBs." Isabella Casillas Guzman, SBA administrator, said in a news release.

The two agencies developed the plan as part of their implementation of Biden's Executive Order 13985 – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

More information:

https://tinyurl.com/25uzv8yt

HSBC OKs 6 small biz bills

The House Small Business Committee on May 23 approved 6 bipartisan bills to authorize the Small Business Administration's "Boots to Business" program and to take other actions to assist small businesses.

The bills also would improve SBA's small business workforce development assistance and increase oversight of the SBA's 7(a) loan program, among other goals.

The legislation passed by the committee consisted of:

- HR 1606, introduced by four committee members, would authorize the SBA's "Boots to Business" training program for veteran entrepreneurs for five
- HR 1541, submitted by four committee members, would allow Small Business Development Centers to distribute the Labor Dept.'s information regarding apprenticeships and other job training programs for small firms.
- HR 1730, introduced by Reps. Roger and Marie Williams, R-TX, Gluesenkamp Perez, D-WA, would direct SBA's SBDCs and Women's Business Centers to assist small businesses in hiring graduates from career and technical education programs, and in helping those graduates start small businesses. These activities would supplement the centers' other services.
- HR 3511, introduced by Reps. Nick LaLota, R-NY, and Morgan McGarvey, D-KY, would require SBA to issue guidance to federal agencies to enhance contracting with Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs). Agencies that fail to meet the SDVOSB goals would be provided with additional training.
- HR 1644 and HR 1651 were submitted by Reps. Dan Meuser, R-PA, and Dean Phillips, D-MN. HR 1644 would require the SBA's Office of Credit Risk Management to provide an annual report to Congress regarding the performance and risk of loans initiated by 7(a) loan agents. HR 1651 would order the office to create a registration system for 7(a) agents. Each agent would be assigned a unique identifier to help collect and track data on the agents' loan performance.

Procurement Watch

Sources Sought

CONTRACT: Business and Logistics Management Support Services (BL/ MSS)

Notice ID: BLMSSFY2405292023 Agency: DHS; US Coast Guard Responses due: June 16

Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: DF10 - IT and Telecom - IT Management as a Service

NAICS Code: 541611 - Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services

Location: Alexandria, VA

Website: https://tinyurl.com/2s4e77kz

CONTRACT: Master Address File/ Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (MAF/ TIGER) Modernization and Cloud **Migration Research**

Notice ID: DEC-23-0007

Agency: Commerce Dept.; US

Census Bureau

Responses due: June 15 Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: N/A

NAICS Code: 541618 - Other Management Consulting Services

Location: Suitland, MD

Website: https://tinyurl.com/29z3spn4

CONTRACT: DOS INL/KM COTS **Project Management Software and** Support Services

Notice ID: QPRINLKM5242023 Agency: State Dept.

Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: R499 - Support-

Professional: Other

NAICS Code: 541511 - Custom Computer Programming Services Location: Washington, DC

Website: https://bit.ly/3W29fkZ

CONTRACT: Pre-Hurricane Planning Notice ID: FA481923SourcesSought1 Agency: Dept. of the Air Force Responses due: June 15

Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: N/A NAICS Code: 485510 - Charter Bus

Industry

Location: Tyndall AFB, FL

Website: https://tinyurl.com/2et78ax7

CONTRACT: 10 Mile Race Event Coordinator

Notice ID: FA252123QB036Ver2 Agency: Dept. of the Air Force Responses due: July 1

Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: N/A

NAICS Code: 711320 - Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar

Events without Facilities Location: Patrick AFB, FL

Website: https://tinyurl.com/2s3e5jbv

Presolicitations:

CONTRACT: Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Norfolk Naval

Station, VA

Notice ID: N4008523R2569 Agency: Dept. of the Navy

Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: S208 -Housekeeping-Landscaping/

Groundskeeping

NAICS Code: 561730 - Landscaping

Services

Location: Norfolk, VA

Website: https://tinyurl.com/ mryzd2mk

CONTRACT: Presolicitation: Routine Deliveries of Dry Ice to Manhattan, KS

Notice ID: 1096117 Agency: USDA

Responses due: June 16

Set Aside: Total Small Business Product Service Code: 6830 - Gases:

Compressed And Liquefied

NAICS Code: 325120 - Industrial Gas

Manufacturing

Location: Manhattan, KS

Website: https://tinyurl.com/3hz253uh

CONTRACT: Cerfp Collective Training

Event (August 2023)

Notice ID: W912JA-23-R-0035 Agency: Dept. of the Army Responses due: June 14

Set Aside: SDVOSB

Product Service Code: R429 - Support-Professional: Emergency Response/ Disaster Planning/Preparedness

Support

NAICS Code: 561320 - Temporary

Help Services

Location: Alexandria, AL

Website: https://tinyurl.com/3unsddhh

Column: Don't Take the Bait Beware of Misleading SAM Marketing, Imposters and Phishing Attacks

By Kenneth Goldman, GSA communications specialist

From time to time, the General Service Administration (GSA) shares information about common fraud schemes that target vendors registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).

These scams attempt to use public information to defraud those interested in doing business with the federal government.

Just like users of any public online system, *SAM.gov* users with registered entities should always take caution to avoid getting caught up in a scam. Users might receive misleading marketing messages, fraudulent attempts to trick you out of money or attempts to obtain your private information.

Third Party Companies and Misleading Marketing Practices

There are some third-party companies that will offer to help register your entity in SAM for fee. Registration in SAM is always FREE.

While some users may find these third-party services to be beneficial, please note that the GSA security policy strictly prohibits using another person's email address and password to access SAM.gov.

If you choose to pay for a service to register or renew your entity you should be aware that any email or website that asks for money, no matter how official it looks, is not a government message or site. A source that leads you to believe that you must pay money to register in SAM could be a fraudulent site. The government will never ask you to pay to register, update your registration or renew.

Attempts to Trick You Out of Money

SAM users should always be on the lookout for fraudulent sources trying to get you to give them money without providing any service.

While it's true that some companies provide registration services, scammers may offer a service they have no intention of providing.

They also may pretend to be from a government agency requiring you to "pay a fee" by gift card, cryptocurrency or wire transfer. The government will not ask you to pay fees using those methods. Again, you never need to pay to register, renew your registration or "fix registration errors."

Phishing for Private Information

Watch for attempts to get you to reveal personal information such as your *SAM.gov* password (phishing).

Links in email messages can lead to look-alike pages that collect your login and go on to install malware or ransomware; have you "verify" more private data; or try to obtain access to your computer or network.

Remember that your data in *SAM.gov* includes your bank account number; your Social Security Number or your Employer Identification Number; and employee names, email addresses and phone numbers. Always be aware of bad actors trying to obtain this information.

How to be SAM.gov Smart

Here are some ways to tell if an email or other source is trying to mislead you, defraud you or get your private data:

- · Check the sender's email address or the source's URL link. If they don't end with .gov, it's not from the government.
- · Watch out for "tricky" links, especially ones that might end with gov.com or something else close to .gov.
- Don't answer requests to provide your information by phone or email.
 The government won't ever ask you to do that.
- · Go to the website of the government agency the sender or caller says

they represent. Look at the agency's practices and, if needed, contact the agency to verify the call or email.

 Verify any claims about registration errors or other problems by going to SAM.gov (not via an email link), signing in and checking your registration yourself.

If you do want to use a service provider to manage your registration, it's a good idea to check the Better Business Bureau, independent references or a search engine to confirm that you're working with a legitimate company before you pay anyone.

SAM.gov will never do this:

- Ask for personal information anywhere except within the SAM.gov system itself
- · Ask for money or threaten legal action or liability.
- Ask you to call or text anybody.
- · Send a link that does not end in ".gov".
- Advertise on social media.

SAM.gov will send you several email reminders before your registration expires. They may also update you on the status of your registration or SAM.gov security issues. All those emails will come from a .gov email address.

If you think you've received a fraudulent email or been the victim of fraud, ransomware, or another cyber crime, you can file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). View the IC3 FAQs for more information about cyber crime and what's involved in filing a complaint.

You can report scams, fraud, and bad business practices to the Federal Trade Commission. Their FAQs have more information on what to include in your report.

What can you do if you think you responded to a phishing email and attackers might have your personal information? Find GSA's answer at https://tinyurl.com/2p9awz67

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Event Calendar

JUNE 2023

- 9 Jennifer Schaus & Assoc. hosts Webinar: NAICS Codes and Identifying Bids https://bit.ly/3poPCaD
- 12-15 National 8(a) Association hosts Alaska Regional Conference, and Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Anchorage, AK https://bit.ly/3KEMjnL
- 14 NIST NOAA DoC Campus Technology Day at Boulder Labs, Boulder, CO https://bit.ly/43YTlpD
- 14 US Energy Dept. hosts 2023 Summer Labs Cyber Series, Sandia Labs, Los Alamos, Brookhaven, Idaho, Y-12, Oak Ridge & other national labs, June 14 Aug. 2, email info@federaltrainingpartnership.com for information
- 14 PilieroMazza PLLC hosts Webinar: Size & Status Recertification What is it and Why Does it Matter? https://bit.ly/3pu3LD7
- 14 NIST NOAA DoC Campus Technology Day at Boulder Labs, Boulder, CO https://www.fbcinc.com/event.aspx/Q6UJ9A01Q9EW
- 14 Anne Arundel County (MD) MBE Outreach Event https://tinyurl.com/4rhpkrfb
- 14 Maryland PTAC hosts Online Event: Understanding and Responding to RFPs https://mdptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/15046
- 14 Virginia PTAC hosts Marketing to the Federal Government Lunch, Learn and Networking, Herndon, VA https://virginiaptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/3978
- 15 Whitcomb and Selinsky PC host Webinar: Understanding the categories of Data Rights in Federal Government Contracts https://tinyurl.com/edm2dmj8
- 15 Red Team hosts Proposal Development Workshop (online) https://bit.ly/41lbSzs
- 15 2023 City of Baltimore Procurement Conference, Baltimore, MD https://tinyurl.com/2p8fcycx
- 15 HUBZone Contractors National Council hosts Online Event: Maintaining Your HUBZone Certification https://tinyurl.com/5d598rce
- 20 Maryland PTAC hosts Online Event: NAICS Codes Six Impactful Digits for Federal Contractors https://mdptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/15106
- 20-23 US Defense Dept. hosts Small Business Training Week, Baltimore, MD https://www.dodsbtw23.com/sbtw23/3436861

- 21 USAID hosts 14th Annual Small Business Conference (Online Event) https://tinyurl.com/yvtj5cx7
- 22 Illinois PTAC at WIU hosts Establishing a Business Relationship in Government Contracting

https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/37872

- 22 Montgomery County (MD) COC hosts NOAA Small Business Industry Event, Silver Spring, MD https://bit.ly/40iKYlu
- 22 Maryland PTAC hosts Online Event: Proposal Writing Level 2 https://mdptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/15031
- 22 WIPP hosts Webinar: ChallengeHer After Certifications, What's Next? https://www.wipp.org/events/event list.asp
- The Coalition for Government Procurement hosts Webinar: The Inflation Reduction Act https://tinyurl.com/ycxj95pc
- 22 Virginia PTAC hosts Webinar: How to Connect with Prospects and Customers in a Covid-19 World https://tinyurl.com/yw8znw7z
- 23 Virginia PTAC hosts Webinar: Market Research Fridays Analyzing Federal Obligations https://tinyurl.com/94yp78vw
- **26 WIPP hosts Matchmaker Madness** https://www.wipp.org/events/event_list.asp
- 27 Illinois PTAC at WIU hosts What to Know Before Marketing Your Business to the Government

https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/37873

- 29 GovConectx hosts Successfully Selling to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory with SBLO Phillip McCants https://www.govconectx.com/berkeley-lab.html
- 29 Homeland Security Dept. OSDBU Vendor Outreach Session https://dhsvos.com/events/

JULY 2023

- 6 Maryland PTAC hosts Online Event: Group Training for Potential Government Contractors https://mdptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/15083
- 7 SBA hosts Veteran Small Business Resource Brief (Online) https://bit.ly/3VFRvdd
- 11 VA hosts Webinar: Procurement and Logistics Office Business Opportunity https://vetbiz.va.gov/events/
- 11 USAID hosts Talking with Primes: Best Practices for Working with USAID as a Sub-Awardee (Online Event) https://tinyurl.com/2p8n5n6m
- 17 Jennifer Schaus & Assoc. hosts Summer Soiree Networking Event for Federal Government Contractors at the Kennedy Center, Washington, DC https://bit.ly/3Ba7TuH
- 19 PNNL Cloud Day (virtual) https://bit.ly/3Hc8T4T
- 19 US Navy OSDBU hosts Navy Week Milwaukee,

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West Allis, WI https://bit.ly/3VLYKIG

19 2023 Cyber & Technology Day at Idaho National Laboratory; email federaltrainingpartnership.com for more information.

27 DISA JSP Cybersecurity Forum, Washington, DC https://bit.ly/40DIJQK

28 Virginia PTAC hosts Webinar: How to Ask for More Money - REAs vs. Claims https://tinyurl.com/ mrxs8h2x

AUGUST 2023

1 Maryland PTAC hosts Webinar: Foreign Ownership, Influence & Control for Fed'l Contractors https://tinyurl.com/trehf86k

4 SBA hosts Veteran Small Business Resource Brief (Online) https://bit.ly/3VFRvdd

22-23 HUBZone Contractors National Council hosts National HUBZone Conference 2023, Leesburg, VA https://hubzonecouncil.org/2023-National-HUBZone-Conference (\$50 Discount for SAA subscribers; Code HZConf23Partner)

25 DHS OSDBU hosts 8(a) and SDB Outreach https://dhsvos.com/up-coming-vos/

SEPTEMBER 2023

1 SBA hosts Veteran SB Brief (Online) https://bit.ly/3VFRvdd

OCTOBER 2023

17 NAWBO hosts 2023 National Women's Business Conference, Austin, TX https://bit.ly/43fKh4E NOVEMBER 2023

8 NVSBC hosts 2023 Awards Gala, Arlington, VA https://bit.ly/3Hz2j9O 8-9 SAVE DATE: NVBDC hosts Matchmaking Conference, Indianapolis. IN

DECEMBER 2023

6-7 CyberMaryland Conference 2023, College Park, MD https://bit.ly/3K8376h

FEBRUARY 2024

5-7 SAVE THE DATE - National 8(a) Association 2024 National Small Business Conference, Atlanta, GA

Teaming Opportunities

Boxer Advisors, an HR consulting and training firm, has a federal client who is looking for companies to add to their list who can offer "the 100 series, 200 series, or both series" of FAI-certified FAC-P/PM courses. If you offer these courses and have an interest or can make a referral, contact Ken Boxer directly at kboxer@boxeradvisors.com.

Infopacity (SDVOSB) is looking for partners with Army Materiel Command experience in Administrative/General Management Consulting (NAICS code 541611). Infopacity is looking for an over/under partner having capabilities in Mission Planning Support, Schedule/ Communications/ Operations Support, and Executive Leadership Support. Interested parties must be able to support proposal response and quickly begin client engagements upon award. Contact Infopacity directly at cbowes@infopacity.net.

Dutra Group has dredging and construction projects (MACC) seeking participation from all categories of small businesses for work in Hawaii and in Florida. Largest needs in ship stores, steel, welding supplies, marine support services, and industrial hardware, electrician, logistics. NAICS 237990 and related. Ref. N6247822D4011 and W912EP23B0005. Please send capability statements to Donna Fraser at estimating@dutragroup.com.

Powell Industries Inc is seeking a subcontractor to provide Janitorial Services and Industrial Cleaning in Bldgs. 171 and 176, located at DLA Distribution Center, Jacksonville, FL, and for a Pest Control Services contract for very high-profile federal contract account located at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL. Powell Industries Inc also seeks a manufacturer to provide 6 brand name Harley-Davidson Electric Glide Police motorcycles upfitted with law enforcement emergency equipment for the National Park Service. Visit www.powellindustriesinc.com for overview of Powell's current prime contracts and what partners they are seeking. Ref. SP330023Q0105 (Jax) and N6945023Q0012 (Pensacola).

NAICS 561720 and 561710. Contact Curtis Powell at 757-471-2207 or email powellindi@aol.com.

MW Builders seeks small business subcontractors for construction of the Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing facility to house 238 soldiers. The Army requires an apartment complex of 2/1 Market Style facilities (2/1M) comprised of two-bedroom, one-bath dwelling units with kitchen and living room for Ft. Hood, TX. Ref. W9126G23R0370. NAICS 236220. Contact Drake Martin at 945-248-2964 or email ddmartin@mwbuilders.com.

Ceres Environmental Services,

Inc has several pre-event disaster recovery contracts. Ceres is seeking all types of Small Businesses and disadvantaged companies with disaster recovery experience; specifically debris removal/disposal. NAICS 238910, 562112, 562111, 561730 and 624230. Contact Ashley Dow at 941-358-6365 or email ceres.subcontracting@ceresop.com for more information.

Edison Job Corps, operated by Management & Training Corp (and not the US Department of Labor), seeks subcontractors for various skilled trade projects. Tasks include plumbing/HVAC, electrician and carpenters at the Edison NJ center. Ref. NAICS 238220 and 238350. Please email Frances McGraw at frances.mcgraw@mtctrains.com to be added to direct solicitation list.

Association Spotlight: AFCEA -**Armed Forces Communication and** Electronics Society, a 501(c)(6) organization, is a professional and trade association catering to those engaged in defense, intelligence, security and all related technology disciplines. It was formed officially in 1946. With about 140 chapters in the US and across the world, chapter events range from monthly breakfasts or luncheons to conferences, webinars, IT Days, professional development opportunities. Emerging Leader events, golf tournaments, 5k runs and Cycle for STEM rides. Membership is \$350 per year. http://www.afcea.org.

Small Business Defense Contracts Awarded

NAVY

Saliense Consulting LLC, Tysons Corner, Virginia, is awarded an \$8,560,907 cost-plus-fixed-fee contract for Office of Naval Research (ONR) Information Technology (IT) Support Services. The objective of this contract is to enable the ONR CIO to deliver operational excellence in the day-to-day operation of ONR's IT Enterprise. Work will be performed in Arlington, Virginia. This contract was competitively procured under Seaport NxG solicitation N00014-22-R-3003, with 14 proposals received. The Office of Naval Research, Arlington, Virginia, is the contracting activity (N00178-21-D-9323).

Goshawk LLC, San Antonio, Texas (N62473-23-D-1412) is the small business among the companies awarded a firm-fixed-price, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract with a combined maximum value of \$150,000,000 for new construction, renovation, and repair of natural gas and petroleum, oils, and lubricants fuel system projects at various government installations located in CA (87%), AZ (5%), NV (3%), UT (2%), CO (2%) and NM (1%). These contracts include options which, if exercised, would bring the cumulative value to \$150,000,000 over an eight-year period to the four vendors combined. This contract was competitively procured via the SAM.gov contract opportunities website, with eight offers received. The Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest, San Diego, California, is the contracting activity.

Synectic Solutions Inc., Oxnard, California, is awarded a \$10,977,253 cost-plus-fixed-fee, cost reimbursable, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract. This contract provides technical representative services for Airborne Weapons Systems (AWS) in support of ensuring timely, adequate, and economic maintenance and operation of AWS by providing in-service engineering, logistics, and logistical data management support for these systems. Work will be performed in China Lake. California. This contract was competitively procured as a small business set-aside; two offers were received. The Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake, California, is the contracting activity (N6893623D0043).

Advanced Acoustic Concepts LLC, Hauppauge, New York, is awarded an \$11,128,633 firm-fixed-price and cost-plus-fixed-fee modification to previously-awarded contract N00024-19-C-6311 to exercise options for Littoral Combat Ship Mission Package computers, software, trainer components and engineering services. Work will be performed in Uniontown, PA (55%); Hauppauge, NY (35%); Columbia, MD (7%); and Washington, DC (3%). The Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C., is the contracting activity (N00024-19-C-6311).

Accurate Energetic Systems LLC, McEwen, Tennessee, is awarded a \$86,228,352 firm-fixed-price, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract for the production, acceptance, and delivery of the Charge, Demolition MK 179 MOD 0; and the Charge, Demolition MK 180 MOD 0 Assembly. This contract was competitively procured on the basis of full and open competition and three offers were received via Federal Business Opportunities. Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Crane, Indiana, is the contract activity (N0016423DJR82).

ARMY

The Solution Foundry LLC, Woodstock, Georgia, was awarded a \$73,000,000 firm-fixed-price contract to support environmental management and training projects. Bids were solicited via the internet with two received. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is the contracting activity (W912BV-23-D-0016).

Roundhouse PBN-TEPA EC JV, Warner Robins, Georgia, was awarded a \$27,290,000 firm-fixed-price contract to construct the Joint Cryptologic Center at Buckley Air Force Base. Bids were solicited via the internet with three received. Work will be performed in Aurora, Colorado. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska, is the contracting activity (W9128F-23-C-0019).

Sierra Hydrographics, Auberry,

California, was awarded a \$9,800,000 firm-fixed-price contract for streamflow and weather station maintenance and repair, rating-curve development and discharge measurements. Bids were solicited via the internet with one received. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento, California, is the contracting activity (W91238-23-D-0015).

Bear Brothers Inc., Montgomery, Alabama, was awarded a \$12,057,150 firm-fixed-price contract to repair Aircraft Maintenance Building 1455. Bids were solicited via the internet with four received. Work will be performed in Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville, Kentucky, is the contracting activity (W912QR-23-C-0012).

Cottrell Contracting Corp., Chesapeake, Virginia, was awarded an \$8,941,350 firm-fixed-price contract for Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay maintenance and dredging. Bids were solicited via the internet with four received. Work will be performed in St. Marys, Georgia. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, Florida, is the contracting activity (W912EP-23-C-0015).

Avix-BGI JV II LLC, Yorktown, Virginia, was awarded a \$10,918,564 modification (P00004) to contract W9133L-22-C-3007 for weapons systems simulator training and support. Work will be performed in Lackland, Texas; and Tucson, Arizona. The National Guard Bureau Directorate of Acquisitions, Arlington, Virginia, is the contracting activity.

DLA

Puerto Rico Apparel Manufacturing Corp., Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, has been awarded a maximum \$10,928,873 modification (P00033) exercising the fourth one-year option period of a one-year base contract (SPE1C1-19-D-1151) with four one-year option periods for various types of coats and trousers. This is a firm-fixed-price, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract. The contracting activity is the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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USDA: \$145,503.60 (NAICS: 311212)

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JOHNSON DANFORTH INC 2200 N. Rodney Parham Rd Suite 210 Little Rock AR 72212 501-404-4811

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QUALITY STAFFING SOLUTIONS INC 120 Towerview Ct Cary NC 27513 919-481-4114 DoD: \$177,217.34 (NAICS: 622110) DoD: \$203,760.45 (NAICS: 622110)

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PRUDENTIA CONSULTING GROUP 101 Hudson St Ste 1203 Jersey City NJ 07302 732-470-8260 VA: \$184,537.50 (NAICS: 541511)

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GSA extending deadlines for software filings

In January, GSA announced it would finalize plans by June 2023 to require contractors providing or using covered software to file attestations that their software has been approved by

DOD's undefinitized contracts final rule

DOD published a final rule effective on May 25th to strengthen management of Undefinitized Contract Actions (UCAs). These are agreements to allow a vendor to begin work and incur costs before a final contract.

The final rule implements recommendations by the DOD Inspector General in 2020. It has not been changed from the proposed rule.

The final rule reinforces a contracting officer's authority--following a UCA--to withhold up to 5% of a contractor's subsequent requests for payment when the contractor does not submit qualifying proposals on schedule.

Read the final rule at https://tinyurl.com/yc33dpvr and the proposed rule at https://tinyurl.com/br6dm5bc.

GSA. The purpose was to assure security for all software acquired and used at GSA.

Those plans and deadlines now have been revised.

GSA officials published a memo on May 24 stating that the previous deadline is no longer applicable and that officials are continuing to develop plans for the contractor attestations.

Read GSA's January memo at https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/MV-2023-02_0.pdf. Read the May 24th memo at https://tinyurl.com/4kknjnvw.

SAM lapse costs vendor

The Court of Federal Claims recently put a hold on an HHS contract award because the awardee allowed its SAM registration to lapse for 17 days post-award. The court ruled that since the contract included the FAR 52.204-7 clause requiring continuous SAM registration, even a brief lapse could be disqualifying.

HHS officials said the problem was easily correctable. But the court disagreed. Read more about the case from PilieroMazza PLLC at https://tinyurl.com/mr287bxu.

Clarification on GOP Soc Sec, Medicare plans

Set-Aside Alert's May 26 edition story on the possible US debt default needed more context in describing House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's and the GOP's positions on Social Security and Medicare spending cuts.

In October 2022, McCarthy said if the GOP won the House he would negotiate spending cuts as part of a bill to lift the debt ceiling, and he did not exclude Medicare and Social Security from those proposed reductions.

A number of other Republicans, in-

cluding Sen. Rick Scott, R-FL; Sen. Ron Johnson, R-WI, and GOP members of the House Budget Committee, explicitly called for significant cuts to Social Security and Medicare as part of the debt ceiling bill.

However, McCarthy in January 2023 said Social Security and Medicare would be off the table in the debt ceiling negotiations.

Reductions to Social Security and Medicare were not included in the final bill to increase the debt limit.

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