

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

The federal government contracting system is a process composed of three phases. The phases are Pre-Award, Award and Post-Award. Each phase of the process requires the business to complete specific steps for a selected service, supply, construction, architect and engineering or research and development requirement being offered to the government.

### AWARDS:

Target the dollar requirements in the Federal Government at the:

1) Micro Purchase Level	\$1- \$3,000	Not Advertised
2) Simplified Acquisitions	\$3,000- \$25,000	Not Advertised
3) Simplified Acquisitions	\$25,000- \$ 5.5 Million	Advertised
4) Contract Level	\$25,000- \$\$\$\$\$,\$\$\$\$,\$\$\$\$	Advertised

### PROCUREMENT PROCESS:

- 1) The government acquires supplies and services at the micro purchase level using IMPACT credit cards, one source, large or small vendor, no competition required.
- 2) The government acquires supplies and services between \$3,000 and \$25,000 using simplified acquisition procedures, competitive, 3 vendors solicited by phone, mail, fax or email.
- 3) The government acquires supplies and services over \$25,000 and up to \$5.5 million using simplified acquisition procedures. The requirements must be published at [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov)
- 4) The government requirements for supplies and services over \$25,000 (contract level) must be published at [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov)

### FREQUENTLY USED WEBSITES:

- [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) Government web site postings for federal procurements over \$25,000
- [www.fbodaily.com](http://www.fbodaily.com) Short cut search to federal procurement opportunities by code/subject
- [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) Federal Tax Identification Number
- [www.dnb.com](http://www.dnb.com) Dun and Bradstreet Number 1-866-705-5711
- [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
- [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov) Central Contractor Registration
- [www.bpn.gov](http://www.bpn.gov) Business Partner Network-Electronic Certification and Representations-Company
- [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) Small Business Administration
- [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov) General Service Administration access to getting on schedules
- [www.dla.mil](http://www.dla.mil) Defense Logistics Agency
- [www.vip.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vip.vetbiz.gov) Veteran Resources
- [www.arnet.gov/far](http://www.arnet.gov/far) Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)
- [www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/publications](http://www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/publications) U.S. Small Business Specialist Handbook and Subcontracting Opportunities with DoD Major Prime Contractors
- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) Federal Grant Opportunities (No grants are available for a for profit business)
- [www.fedspending.org](http://www.fedspending.org) Federal Government Spending for the previous year(s)

### PTAC CONTACTS:

Contact your Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) specialist at [www.fptac.org](http://www.fptac.org) for assistance on contracting with Federal, State, and Local governments.