

The Federal Government is moving to a more consolidated acquisition strategy. Recently, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) released an important policy memo — [Category Management Policy 15-1: Improving the Acquisition and Management of Common Information Technology: Laptops and Desktops](#) – that restricts all new solicitations for laptops and desktops to a limited number of contract vehicles. These contract vehicles will facilitate standardized configurations for laptops and desktops; as well optimize savings for the Federal Government.

Therefore, effective October 16, 2015, all agencies are prohibited from issuing *new* solicitations for laptops and desktops (except as provided in the policy above). All future requirements for laptops and desktops shall leverage the following existing acquisition vehicles, which were determined by the Category Management Leadership Council (CMLC) to offer the best value for the Government's laptop and desktop needs:

- 1) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), [NITAAC CIO-CS](#)
- 2) NASA Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP)
- 3) General Services Administration (GSA) IT Schedule 70

Of the three contract vehicles, NITAAC CIO-CS offers significant advantages to your organization, a streamlined acquisition process, and dramatic savings on desktop and laptop configurations. To take advantage of this special low pricing, user must first register in the Electronic Government Ordering System [e-GOS](#) then navigate to NITAAC-GSS. There, users can view side-by-side comparisons of specs and prices. After determining the best solution for the requirement by comparing price, delivery lead-time and other factors, users select the item(s) which are the most advantageous to the government and follow directions to place an order. While any Purchasing Official may enter information into e-GOS, orders may only be placed by a Warranted contracting officer with the proper delegation of authority.

Detailed information on registering in Electronic Government Ordering System (e-GOS) and ordering from the Governmentwide Strategic Solutions (GSS) for Desktops and Laptops can be located at: [NITAAC GSS User Guide](#)

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