

## Useful Government Contracting Links – Federal contracting

Following are some helpful resources for government contractors. This is just a short list – be sure to contact the PTAC office ([nwpaptac@northwestpa.org](mailto:nwpaptac@northwestpa.org)) for further assistance. *NOTE: All of the following sites are free to use.*

**These sites are useful when pursuing government contract opportunities on the Federal level.** For help with state &/or local government contracting resources & websites, please contact PTAC.

- **System for Award Management (SAM):** <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>  
*SAM is a FREE registration required to do business with any federal government agency; it is a Federal Government owned & operated website. SAM supports Internet Explorer v11+, Chrome 33+, Firefox v3+, Opera v9.64+ and Safari v3.2+*
- **Federal Business Opportunities (“FedBizOpps” / FBO) has moved to beta.SAM.gov under “Contract Opportunities”:** <https://beta.sam.gov/search>  
*Website to search federal contract opportunities anticipated to be valued over \$25,000*
- **Acquisition.gov:** <https://www.acquisition.gov/>  
*Resource to access and read Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), agency supplements and directives*
- **Dun and Bradstreet (D&B):** <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>  
*D&B provides FREE Data Universal Number System (DUNS) numbers to businesses seeking government contracts & grants. A DUNS is required to register in SAM. **NOTE:** In 2022, DUNS will be phased out as the unique entity identifier used in SAM.*
- **North American Industry Classification System (NAICS):** <https://www.census.gov/naics/>  
*NAICS codes are a series of number codes that classify business establishments by the types of products/services they provide. NAICS codes are required in SAM registration, and every federal solicitation is assigned a NAICS code.*
- **Product Service Codes (PSC) / Federal Supply Codes (FSC):**  
<https://psctool.us/> | <http://support.outreachsystems.com/resources/tables/pscsc/>  
*Four-digit codes used by all federal government contracting activities for identifying and classifying the services and Supplies & Equipment (S&E) that are purchased under contract*
- **DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS):** <https://www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil>  
*Defense Logistics Agency’s (DLA) online system that provides the capability to search for, view, and submit quotes on DLA solicitations and research other procurement information related to DLA*
- **DLA’s ASSIST:** <https://quicksearch.dla.mil/>  
*Resource to search & access DoD mil specs and standards. Instructions for using the quick search site can be found at <https://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Offers/Services/TechnicalSupport/Logistics/Packaging/ASSISTInstructions.aspx>*
- **Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA):** <https://www.dcaa.mil>  
*Resource for federal contractor regulation compliance including accounting system requirements*
- **Defense Pricing and Contracting (DCP):** <https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap>  
*Resource for pricing, contracting, and procurement policy matters in the Department of Defense (DoD)*
- **Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) Verification:** <https://www.va.gov/osdbu/>  
*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) vendor registration system for veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB)*
- **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) & Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs:**  
<https://www.sbir.gov>  
*SBIR/STTR is a competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization.*
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** <https://www.fema.gov>  
*Resource for emergency & disaster recovery contracting on the federal level*
- **Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC):** <https://www.aptac-us.org>  
*More info on the PTAC programs nation-wide, including a search map*
- **DLA’s Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) video:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mX88Sr18x8>  
*Additional information on the PTAP program & PTAC services, from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)*
- **Small Business Administration (SBA):** [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)  
*SBA offers free business assistance to new and existing small businesses*