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## CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

### MILLENNIA

80 Task Orders  
\$2.55 B Funded Sales  
\$6.74 B Estimated Value

### ANSWER

2270 Task Orders  
\$2.64B Funded Sales  
\$6.61B Estimated Value

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### *Millennia Supports US Army Personnel Community Automation Services (PCAS)* *Jim Weatherbee and Monti Jagers*

When the Army needed IT support for the US Army Personnel Community Automation Services (PCAS) program, they opted for the experienced contractors available under the Millennia contract. The task order award under the Millennia contract was made to Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) by the Federal Systems Integration and Management Center (FEDSIM) on behalf of the client agency, the US Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM).

As a result of the Millennia task order award, SAIC, FEDSIM, and PERSCOM have formed an alliance to provide a full range of IT solutions to support the US Army personnel community. In addition, a teaming relationship has been established with the Army personnel community to develop strategic and tactical plans to meet ARMY personnel IT transformation needs as well as delivery of enterprise-wide legacy systems IT services for the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard (ARNG), and other subordinate and coordinating commands.

Some of the tasks under the Millennia task order scope are, support of the: 1) Defense Casualty Information Processing System (DCIPS), a key DoD system used by Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force that provides each military service's Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Offices with a single and standard automated support system, 2) Army Keystone, a program that provides support to Army recruiters and retention managers worldwide, 3) Integrated Total Army Personnel Database Project for development of a centralized database to improve the accuracy and reporting of personnel data through a single-source repository, and 4) Personnel Enterprise Systems-Automation (PES-A), the Army Human Resources Command's Computer Center and Network infrastructure.

### *DOT's ITOPII Contract to Transition to the GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region* *Monti Jagers*

The Information Technology Omnibus Procurement II (ITOPII), a Government-wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) supported by multiple pre-awarded contracts, is expected to be transitioned to the GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region from the Department of Transportation (DOT) on April 1, 2004. In FY03, DoT determined that operating the ITOPII Program was not a part of the core DoT mission and began seeking to transfer the function to another agency. DoT initiated discussions with GSA to transfer the program, and a series of meetings followed between GSA and DOT to share information on the program's processes, finances and operations. The Contract Vehicle Review Board (CVRB) recommended the ITOPII transfer to GSA and the final approvals for the transfer of ITOPII have been obtained within GSA. DOT and GSA have signed a formal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that outlines the details of the transfer and a specific plan for the transition. On March 5, 2004, the Business Case for the ITOPII transition from DOT to GSA was presented to OMB to re-establish the Executive Agent Designation for GSA to manage the ITOPII contract.

An ITOPII Industry Meeting Kick-Off will be held in Crystal City, VA on March 25th and a meeting with the ITOPII clients is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. The GWAC Center is anxious to build productive, enduring relationships with the new ITOPII Industry Partner cadre and clients. The ITOPII Program consists of 35 contracts and 26 Industry Partners, including 13 large and 13 small/small disadvantaged businesses. The contract vehicle was awarded on February 28, 1999 with a contract ceiling of \$10 Billion. Currently in the fifth year of a seven-year period, the ITOPII contract expires in January 2006. The ITOP customer base spans many civilian and DOD agencies and the contract scope provides a wide range of information technology (IT) services.

ITOPII has been added as a contract family category in IT Solutions System and will be added to the [gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov) website by the end of this month. The ITOPII link will be [www.gsa.gov/itop2](http://www.gsa.gov/itop2).



### ***GWAC Center Develops Task Order Review Cycle (TORC)***

*Sherrie Householder*

While proper use of contract vehicles has always been monitored, the GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region has developed the Task Order Review Cycle (TORC) to provide additional management controls to insure proper management of the Center's GWACs. The purpose of the TORC is to mitigate the inherent risk associated with the delivery order acquisition process by identifying, measuring, monitoring and controlling the risks associated with task orders issued against the master contracts awarded and administered through the GWAC Center.

In the past, task and delivery order surveillance has primarily been in the post-award phase. TORC engages a proactive pre-award methodology of surveillance that alerts management to significant inappropriate contracting practices at the earliest possible time before award. The TORC directs the appropriate actions to be taken by procurement officials and management to bring discrepancies into compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulations and GSA policies. Some of the TORC internal controls are outlined below:

- Identify and monitor statements of work issued through GSA's online procurement system.
- Increase awareness, understanding and use of all the GWACs managed by the Center while ensuring compliance with contract requirements.
- Ensure proper usage of contracts by client agencies while mitigating probability of abuses.
- Take corrective action when misuse occurs.
- Develop effective countermeasures, which establish the appropriate structure and provide for education, tools and techniques for effective risk management.
- Utilize the corporate team of experience to determine where the risks are likely to arise.

### ***Status Of Federal Public Key Infrastructure***

*Monti Jagers and Aprell Bradford*

Public key infrastructure (PKI) offers many of the security assurances that, when fully and properly implemented, can protect online communications and transactions. However, according to GAO Report GAO-04-157, there are a number of challenges before PKI technology can be effectively deployed, including providing well-defined PKI policies and guidance; addressing funding constraints; ensuring interoperability; and managing training and administrative problems. The GAO report provided the status of federal PKI activities, including initiatives planned or under way at 24 major federal departments and agencies, as well as the status and planned activities of the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA) and Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) programs.

In summary, GAO found that 20 out of the 24 agencies queried, are pursuing a total of 89 PKI initiatives. The 89 initiatives are at various stages of development, and collectively they represent a significant investment, estimated at about \$1 billion. In addition, the government wide FBCA and ACES programs continue to promote the adoption and implementation of PKI, but these programs have seen mixed progress and results, according to GAO. The level of participation in the FBCA, which provides a means to link independent agency PKIs into a broader network, is the same as in 2001--four agencies are certified to operate through the network. Additional agencies are planning to participate in the future, as well as nonfederal organizations, such as the state of Illinois, the Canadian government, and educational consortiums.

GAO concluded that the ACES program, which offers agencies various PKI services through a GSA contract, has garnered lower than expected participation among federal agencies. According to GAO, GSA plans to revise the pricing structure associated with the ACES program to improve participation levels. The ACES contract is supported by three industry partners who provide applicant registration and certificate manufacturing, issuance, maintenance, and validation functions, as ACES Certification Authorities (CA's) on a fee-per-certificate and/or fee-per-transaction basis. While the fee per certificate varies from vendor to vendor, GSA regulates the transaction fee. The ACES contract was transferred to the GWAC Center, Pacific Rim Region at the beginning of FY04. Any agency authorized to use a Government-wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) can use the ACES contract.

### ***March Events***

Date: March 2, 2004

Location: Crystal City, VA

Event: FSS Board Advisory Meeting

Date: March 15-19, 2004

Location: Korea

Event: Solutions Edu -PBSOW

Date: March 22, 2004

Location: Oakland, CA

Event: Alliant Industry Day

Date: March 24-25, 2004

Location: Crystal City, VA

Event: ITOPII Industry Day/Client Meeting

Date: March 29, 2004

Location: Washington, DC

Event: Alliant Industry Day

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