

SIN 54151HACS - Highly Adaptive Cybersecurity Services (HACS)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

FAQs for GSA Offerors

Q1. Where do I find information on SIN 54151HACS the HACS SIN oral technical evaluation requirements?

A1. Information regarding the requirements for the oral technical evaluation is available in the Information Technology Category Attachment of the MAS solicitation document found on SAM.gov.

Q2. Where can I find GSA-sponsored training, seminars, and/or webinars on SIN 54151HACS?

A2. Training, seminars, and/or webinars are announced through the [GSA Events and Training](#) website. Additional notifications are posted on the SIN 54151HACS webpage and [GSA's IT Security Interact Community](#) page.

Q3. How many years of experience do I need to be a SIN 54151HACS vendor?

A3. If you have more than two years of experience, please read the [Guide to Preparing a MAS Offer](#). Vendors with less than two years of experience can apply to become a SIN 54151HACS vendor using the [Multiple Award Schedule Startup Springboard](#). See instruction and regulations in the [MAS solicitation](#).

Q4. How do I modify my current GSA MAS contract to offer SIN 54151HACS?

A4. Go to the [eOffer/eMod Help Center](#) to submit a request to modify your GSA MAS contract to include SIN 54151HACS services.

Q5. When Government customers issue an RFQ against SIN 54151HACS, can they set-aside the requirement for one or more socio-economic categories? For example, set-aside for small businesses who are SBA Certified 8(a) firms?

A5. Yes, they can set-aside the requirement for one or more socio-economic categories. Set-aside vendor filtering capabilities are available in GSA's eLibrary. For example, you may locate HACS 8(a) vendors on GSA's [eLibrary](#). On the page of HACS contractors, you may select your specified socio-economic designation (e.g., "SBA Certified 8(a) Firm") in the blue-text "Display" box, and click "Go". eBuy has functionality that allows buyers to set aside RFQs.

Q6. Where do I find the list of questions asked in the oral technical evaluation?

A6. The oral technical evaluation questions are not provided before the evaluation. Offerors will be asked questions pertaining to services within the subcategories for which they are applying. For further details on the evaluation process, read the Information Technology Category Attachment to the MAS solicitation document found on [SAM.gov](#). For subcategory descriptions, reference the Capabilities area of the SIN [54151HACS](#) website.

Q7. Where do I find more information on obtaining a GSA MAS contract to offer SIN 54151HACS?

A7. If you do not have an existing contract please read [Understanding the Process of Becoming a GSA Multiple Award Schedule \(MAS\) Contractor](#). Also, check to see if your company meets the [FASt Lane Program](#) (ITC SINs only) or [Multiple Award Schedule Startup Springboard](#) criteria. Please note that there are specific requirements for these programs.

Q8. How does my company get listed under the appropriate SIN 54151HACS subcategories on eLibrary?

A8. Offerors are responsible for keeping their awarded subcategories up to date in GSA eLibrary. This [SINs 54151HACS and 517312 Subgroup Instructions document](#) provides specific instructions on how to do so.

Q9. I passed the oral technical evaluation for the four (4) legacy HACS SINs. How can I be categorized in the High Value Asset (HVA) subcategory?

A9. Any contractor awarded all four (4) legacy HACS SINs:

- 132-45A Penetration Testing,
- 132-45B Incident Response,
- 132-45C Cyber Hunt, and
- 132-45D Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

shall not be subject to a HACS oral technical evaluation, so long as they can attest their abilities to perform Security Architecture Review (SAR) and Systems Security Engineering (SSE) services in their entirety by submitting the Self-Attestation form. The Self-Attestation form is available at gsa.gov/hacs in the section titled “Sell Highly Adaptive Cybersecurity Services (HACS).”

Q10. Who can participate in the SIN 54151HACS oral technical evaluation?

A10. For the oral technical evaluation, the offeror shall identify up to five (5) key personnel by name and will describe their role in the offeror company. These key personnel will field questions during the oral technical evaluation. Key personnel participating in the oral technical evaluation will be the same as the proposed key personnel in the vendor’s offer. Outside consultants are NOT allowed to participate. It is recommended that participants include technical Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) that can speak to the services offered, rather than administrative or contracting personnel.

Q11. Who can participate in the SIN 54151HACS oral technical evaluation when the offeror is a joint venture (JV)?

A11. A joint venture (JV) is a corporate entity with its own Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)/Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS). If the HACS oral technical evaluation participants are representing the JV corporate entity, then it is acceptable for them to participate in the oral technical evaluation. The maximum number of participants is five (5) total.

Q12. Are joint ventures, under the Small Business Administration’s (SBA’s) mentor-protége program, where one or more of the partner companies have been awarded a GSA schedule contract and have been awarded SIN 54151HACS, allowed to use the partners’ previously completed oral technical evaluation for their offer?

A12. No, since the JV has to be registered as its own entity, it would need to undergo its own evaluation.