

# Guide to 8(a) STARS III



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## What Is 8(a) STARS III?

8(a) STARS III is a Multiple-Award, Indefinite-Delivery /Indefinite-Quantity (MA-ID/IQ) contract vehicle that provides Federal agencies with information technology (IT) service-based solutions from 8(a) small businesses.

8(a) STARS III is essentially a “small business set-aside” that offers access to 8(a) firms through an established contract vehicle. Because it’s pre-competed, the vehicle is a streamlined alternative to time-consuming and costly open competitions.

## How Did CSCI-T&R Become a Vendor?

Industry partners on 8(a) STARS III have been thoroughly vetted through proven performance. CSCI Consulting, Inc., and Thomas & Reed, LLC formed a Joint Venture (JV) called CSCI-T&R and was awarded a contract as an approved partner. Our contract number is 47QTCB21D0430.

## Why Use 8(a) STARS III?

8(a) STARS III allows for both competitive and directed “sole source” Task Orders (TOs) using Firm Fixed Price (FFP), Time and Material (T&M), and/or Labor Hour (LH) pricing.

Directed TOs are permitted up to \$4.5 million. Since it’s exclusive to 8(a) firms, the entire contract vehicle has been accepted into the 8(a) program. As a result, directed TOs don’t have to be individually approved. They also don’t depend on the industry partner being listed today as a small business in SAM.gov. Instead, they must be listed as small on the 8(a) STARS III contract records in Federal Procurement Data System - Next Generation (FPDS-NG).

Since CSCI-T&R is listed as small on our 8(a) STARS III FPDS-NG record, we can receive a directed TO through 8(a) STARS III.

## What Is the Contract Ordering Period?

Task orders can be issued until July 1, 2026. Project work, including option periods, must be completed by July 1, 2031.

## How Is 8(a) STARS III Structured?

8(a) STARS III is primarily associated with the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 541512, Computer Design Services, but may include other NAICS codes that are predominantly IT services, such as 541511, 541513, 541519, and 518210. Examples of work that may be performed through the 8(a) STARS III program include:

- ▶ Emerging Technology Services
- ▶ Information Assurance/Cybersecurity
- ▶ Data Management
- ▶ IT Modernization
- ▶ Information and Communications Technology
- ▶ Software Development
- ▶ Systems Design
- ▶ IT Operations and Maintenance

This list is not all-inclusive, as other services that adhere to the definition of IT are within scope and may be used to meet an agency’s particular needs. The principal nature of any resulting order must be for IT services; however, ancillary support may be included when it is integral to and necessary for the IT services-based effort.

## How Do I Utilize 8(a) STARS III?

Contracting Officers (KOs) must be trained and receive a Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) that specifically authorizes them to issue task orders on 8(a) STARS III. KOs can receive DPA training in several ways:

- ▶ Self-paced online courses.
- ▶ On-site training conferences and events
- ▶ Web or audio conferences

Once training is complete, a KO can request a DPA by submitting the request form online. Responses are typically provided within two (2) business days. It’s that simple.

## Want more info?

- ▶ Check out the official [8\(a\) STARS III website!](#)
- ▶ CSCI-T&R’s Unique Entity ID is C4XKUPLJ6T73, our CAGE Code is 8NYD2, and our DUNS Number is 117610109.



# Capabilities Statement

CSCI-T&R, LLC



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## Our Team

CSCI-T&R, LLC is an SBA-certified 8(a) joint venture (JV) between Thomas & Reed, LLC and CSCI Consulting, Inc. Offering a unique and sought-after blend of IT and financial management capabilities, CSCI-T&R provides comprehensive, integrated services for the success of our clients in Federal, State, and Commercial sectors.

## Core Capabilities



### IT Modernization

Upgrading technologies, skill sets, and infrastructure to meet next generation challenges and drive accelerated business growth.

### Data Management and Governance

Ensuring data availability, quality, and integrity by aligning people, processes, and technology across business enterprises.



### Information Assurance and Cyber Security

Protecting data by ensuring the security, authenticity, and utility of information systems and frameworks.

### Full Lifecycle Application Development

Executing project visions through all phases of analysis, design, development, testing, implementation, and maintenance.



### Financial System Risk Management and Controls

Providing improved financial data visibility to facilitate auditability in tandem with an integrated Enterprise Risk Management approach.

### Enterprise Architecture

Developing architecture frameworks to align operational mission performance, organizational priorities, and investment strategy.

### Business Process Transformation

Facilitating end-to-end (E2E) business process reengineering (BPR) and standardization (BPS) within complex environments.



### Project Lifecycle Management

Offering extensive capabilities in project life-cycle management and analysis in support of strategic organizational goals.

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## Certifications

- ▶ SBA-certified 8(a) Joint Venture (JV)
- ▶ Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB)
- ▶ CSCI  
CMMI - SVC:  
Maturity Level 3
- ▶ Thomas & Reed  
AICPA-certified CPA firm

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## Client Experience

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- ▶ Department of Health and Human Services
- ▶ Department of Commerce
- ▶ Department of Homeland Security
- ▶ Department of Housing and Urban Development

