MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MAJCOM/FOA/DRU

FROM: SAF/CN

1800 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1800

SUBJECT: Network-Centric Solutions-2 to 2nd Generation IT (2GIT) Transition

References: See Attachment

1. The Network-Centric Solutions-2 (NETCENTS-2) suite of contracts has provided the Air Force with a primary source of net-centric and Information Technology (IT) products, services, and solutions over the past few years. This guidance serves to inform you the NETCENTS-2 IT Products Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract ordering period ends on 5 November 2019 and the U.S. Air Force’s new mandatory source will be the General Services Administration (GSA) 2nd Generation IT (2GIT) developed multi-agency multiple award Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs).

2. The 2GIT BPAs provide better pricing, easier/quicker procurements, meet Category Management principles, and free up U.S Air Force resources. Supply Chain Risk Management aspects are incorporated to enhance a cyber-secure environment through the acquisition of secure IT products. The 2GIT BPAs implement NIST-based Risk Management Framework standards and control measures to mitigate vendor risk, improve protection and surveillance of the IT supply chain, and deliver compliant quality end user products and services to our Airmen. Additionally, 2GIT increases the number of authorized resellers for major Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and small business competition, reduces duplicative contracts, tracks savings, drives price competition, and provides no cost customer support and training.

4. The anticipated award date of the 2GIT BPAs is 1 Nov 19. Orders may be placed against 2GIT the day of award (projected for 1 Nov 19) via phone/verbal orders to vendors. Orders can be placed through GSA Advantage 10 days from award (projected for 10 Nov 19). If 2GIT is not available, IT products may also be pursued through GSA schedule 70 or other contract vehicles such as NASA SEWP, GWACs, etc., as needed to fulfill requirements until 2GIT becomes available.

5. For compelling, mission-essential operational requirements that cannot be fulfilled through these two vehicles, Air Force organizations may submit justification through parent MAJCOM A6 for exception to this guidance. MAJCOM A6s will be the final approval authority for exceptions to policy.
6. My IT Category Management POC is Mr. Ken Neuhaus, SAF/CNSP, 703-695-6034 or kenneth.r.neuhaus.civ@mail.mil, and my End User Services POC is Lt Col Callistus “Cally” Elbourne, SAF/CNSC, 703-695-5872 or callistus.r.elbourne.mil@mail.mil.

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Attachment:
References:


b) Department of Defense Memo, “Guidance from Secretary Mattis,” 5 October 2017