THE STRATEGIC PARTNERS ACQUISITION READINESS CONTRACT

The Strategic Partners Acquisition Readiness Contract (SPARC), an indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract, will help the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and other U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies and offices transform and modernize their information technology infrastructure and systems.

The SPARC will provide strategic, technical, and program management guidance and support services to facilitate the end-to-end modernization of business processes, supporting systems, and IT systems.

FEE-FREE AND OPEN-TO-ALL HHS OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS

While CMS manages the SPARC, all HHS agencies and offices (e.g., Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health) can solicit and award task orders under the SPARC. Unlike many IDIQ contracts, there is **no administrative fee** to use the SPARC.

This multiple-award contract includes the following contract types: cost plus fixed fee, cost plus award fee, cost plus incentive, firm-fixed price, firm-fixed price award fee, fixed price incentive, time and materials, and labor hour.

Booz Allen received three awards under this vehicle—one as a large business prime and two as a subcontractor to small businesses. Through the acquisition of Aquilent, there are two additional small business awards. CMS anticipates that all task orders estimated to be less than $29 million (including options) will be reserved for small businesses.

SPARC SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work under the SPARC includes the following high-level services:

- **Initiation, concept, and planning services** including new software/systems development, software/systems reengineering, and engineering efforts that call for enhancements or change beyond normal maintenance activities

- **Requirements services** to develop a business process model, high-level business requirements, and project planning documents

- **Design services** including comprehensive custom software design to provide security and scalability, and to support complex needs for both mainframe and mid-tier systems

- **Development services** such as software development, web development, and database development

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Contract Information

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- **Formal testing services** to validate software and system components developed or modified in other tasks

- **Security control assessment** to determine the extent to which the security controls in the business application are implemented correctly, operate as intended, and produce the desired outcome with respect to meeting the security requirements for the application and/or infrastructure

- **Independent verification and validation services** including planning, management, and other programmatic activities

- **Maintenance services** to maintain the system code in the production environment, including fixes, development of limited-scope enhancements, changes required by users, and modifications required because of changes in the production environment

- **Support services** including user documentation, user training, product management, and business operations.

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