



OCTOBER 2019 NDIA-RMC Small Business Newsletter

REGULATORY or LEGAL CHANGES

1. [TINA and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds](#) – FAR Council finally proposing rules to implement the 2018 NDAA to increase the TINA and simplified acquisition thresholds. While some agencies have implemented the changes through class deviations, this will make the changes official – [TINA](#) and [SAT](#).
2. [LPTA Changes](#). FAR council issued proposed rule to establish new criteria for lowest-priced technically acceptable contracts as required by the 2019 NDAA.
3. [The 8\(a\) Program – a History and Overview](#). The Congressional Research Service issued a report detailing the history of the 8a program. Interesting reading for those in the 8(a) program, thinking of applying to it, or teaming with them.
4. [SBIR/STTR Awards Take Too Long](#). The GAO issued a report showing that agencies are taking too long to award these contracts.
5. [SBA Funding: Overview and Recent Trends](#). The Congressional Research Service released a report examining SBA's appropriations over time, focusing on developments and trends since Fiscal Year (FY) 2000.
6. [SBA: A Primer on Programs and Funding](#). CRS released a report, "Small Business Administration: A Primer on Programs and Funding," which provides an overview of the SBA's programs. The report also discusses recent programmatic changes resulting from the enactment of legislation and provides an overview of SBA's budget.
7. Dentons provides a monthly summary of [Legislative and Regulatory Updates](#)

NDIA National Regulatory Tracker - <http://www.ndia.org/policy/regulation-tracker>

Comments – Contact Karri (karri@palmetierlaw.com) if you or your company is interested in submitting comments on any of the above. If there is sufficient interest, we can assess submitting comments as a chapter.

EVENTS

1. **NDIA Events:**
2. [NDIA Annual Ball](#) is Oct 18 – There are opportunities for small businesses to sponsor.
3. [NDIA Holiday Party](#) is December 10, 2019 at The Pinery on the Hill, Colorado Springs, CO.
4. [Community Calendar of Events](#) - a fairly comprehensive list of various CO events is now posted. It is updated regularly and you are invited to bookmark it and visit regularly.
5. [Denver InfraGard 4th Quarter Training Day](#). **US Persons and Companies Only**. Friday, October 18, 2019, at the Colorado Springs Utilities' Leon Young Service Center located at 1521 South Hancock Expressway, in Colorado Springs.
Contact Karri@palmetierlaw.com for registration information.
6. [Colorado Small Business Opportunity and Innovation Conference](#). The IOC provides opportunities for companies at every stage of maturity, from those just starting out with a

great idea, to experienced innovators looking to expand and actively participate in tomorrow's aerospace and defense. Nov 14-15 in Aurora.

7. [AIAA 8th Annual Technical Symposium](#). Tuesday, Nov 19th 8:00 am – 5 pm at the University of Colorado at Boulder, UMC Ballroom. [Call for abstracts is open until October 15th](#). Sign up or submit an abstract at <https://www.aiaa-rm.tech/>.

NEWS ARTICLES

1. [The Navy Wants You – to tell it about your small business experience](#). The online survey is available through Oct. 25. All private information will remain confidential and anonymous. For questions about the survey, please contact Camilla Shanley at cshanley@NDIA.org.
2. [Will DOD's new cyber rules crush small business?](#) While we know the new cybersecurity rules create a burden for small businesses, the DoD seems to have an unrealistic perspective of the costs associated with implementation.
3. [New Unique Identifier](#) – GSA answers 105 questions about the transition from DUNS. Document
4. New PTAC Office in Grand Junction - The office is located at the Grand Junction Business Incubator. Jim Kidd, formerly with the Small Business Administration, is staffing the slot and will generally be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. You can reach him (719)667-3845 or you can email Jim directly at j.kidd@coloradoptac.org.
5. List of other Training Resources (free and not) available [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

1. [GSA Merges 24 Multiple Awards Schedules](#). GSA announced that it released its consolidated Schedule solicitation on Fed Biz Opps for 24 existing Multiple Award Schedules into a single Schedule for products, services, and solutions. At this time, only new contracts will be placed on the consolidated Schedule solicitation. Contractors already on Schedule will not be affected by the new solicitation until the mass modification takes effect in calendar year 2020.
2. [Air Force Space Pitch Day](#) is Nov 5-6. Starburst is proud to support Air Force Space Pitch Day, a two day, invite-only innovation event featuring esteemed keynotes, expert panels, innovative space technology pitches, and 60+ startup booths on a dynamic expo floor.
3. The Department of Defense (DOD) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) 19.3 and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) 19.C Broad Agency Announcements (BAA), announcements are now released. [Proposals will be accepted from Sept 24 – Oct 23, 2019](#).
4. The [Catalyst Space Accelerator](#) is pleased to announce applications are now open for our fifth cohort: Data Fusion for Space Applications. We are seeking small businesses/startups with commercially-viable data analytics to address the Air Force's and Department of Defense's needs in space situational awareness.

As always, feel free to send any updates that may be of interest to the membership to Karri L. Palmetier (Karri@palmetierlaw.com).

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