



## EDWOSB/WOSB Contracting

### Simplified Contracting with **iSoft Solutions, LLC** Using the SBA EDWOSB Program **ACCELERATE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS WHILE REDUCING EFFORT AND COST**

#### What is the Small Business Administration (SBA) EDWOSB/WOSB Program?

The WOSB Federal Contract Program was implemented in February 2011 with the goal of expanding the number of industries where WOSB were able to compete for business with the federal government. This program enables Economically Disadvantaged WOSBs (EDWOSBs), such as **iSoft Solutions**, to compete for federal contracts that are set-aside for EDWOSBs in industries where women-owned small businesses are underrepresented. It also allows set-asides for WOSBs in industries where women-owned small businesses are substantially underrepresented.

With projects up to \$4 million, the EDWOSB/WOSB Program allows for directed contracting without a lengthy competitive process. This allows a project to begin in a timely manner. In speeding up the process, time sensitive projects can get started in days instead of months. This program also assists federal agencies in meeting their 5% WOSB contracting goals.

#### Why Use an EDWOSB Contract Vehicle?

Choosing **iSoft Solutions** allows your organization to work directly with a company that is both experienced and efficient in consulting to develop and implement business, technology and engineering initiatives. The benefits of using an EDWOSB contract vehicle include:

- » Significantly faster procurement process – start the project in days instead of months
- » Lower overhead costs - working with smaller businesses
- » Streamlined approach to the project - due to reduction in bureaucracy
- » Ability to procure both goods and services
- » Assistance in meeting SBA mandated 5% WOSB contracting goal

#### Using an EDWOSB/WOSB Contract – FAR 19.15 ([https://www.acquisition.gov/far/html/Subpart%2019\\_15.html](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/html/Subpart%2019_15.html))

Following are the steps to use the SBA EDWOSB/WOSB Program to work with **iSoft Solutions**, per [FAR19.1506 Women-Owned Small Business Program sole source awards](#):

1. Verify company's EDWOSB/WOSB status:
  - a. Certify that the company has submitted all required documentation: <https://certify.sba.gov>. -or-
  - b. Request SBA certification letter from EDWOSB/WOSB company
2. Verify the NAICS code is eligible for the EDWOSB/WOSB program:
  - a. WOSB eligible codes: [https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2016\\_wosb\\_NAICS.pdf](https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2016_wosb_NAICS.pdf)
  - B. EDWOSB eligible codes: [https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2016\\_edwosb\\_NAICS.pdf](https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2016_edwosb_NAICS.pdf)
3. Contracting Officer has an expectation that at least two EDWOSB/WOSB companies will respond
  - \* If only one EDWOSB/WOSB can perform the work, the contract can be awarded as a sole source ([FAR 19.1506\(a\)\(2\)](#))
4. Verify that the contract value will not exceed \$6.5 million for manufacturing contracts, or \$4 million for all other contracts
5. Verify that the award will be made at a fair and reasonable price

