Key terms and official learning references

Awards with activity

Distinct contracts/orders with reported transactions in the selected period; not necessarily new awards or open bids.

Official reference: https://www.usaspending.gov/

Actions / net obligations

Actions are reported award/modification transactions. Net obligations are committed funding less deobligations; not invoices paid or revenue.

Official reference: https://www.usaspending.gov/

Funded / exercised / potential

Funded is net committed funding. Exercised value covers base and exercised options; potential also includes unexercised options. Check periods and sites.

Official reference: https://www.usaspending.gov/

Key terms and official learning references

FY — fiscal year

Federal fiscal years run 1 October–30 September; the FY2026 history ends 30 September 2026.

Official reference: https://www.usa.gov/federal-budget-process

NAICS

North American Industry Classification System. 236220 is commercial/institutional building construction; descriptions still need review.

Official reference: https://www.census.gov/naics/

PSC

Product or Service Code identifies the reported purchased product/service. Read it alongside the description and NAICS.

Official reference: https://www.acquisition.gov/psc-manual

Key terms and official learning references

SAM.gov

Official federal registration and opportunity site; read the current notice and amendments before acting.

Official reference: https://sam.gov/

GSA / FHWA

General Services Administration / Federal Highway Administration. GSA is the buyer for the FHWA office-renovation example.

Official reference:
https://sam.gov/opp/c879b4befcd64d0bad2b7e6a842213e6/view

RFQ / RFI / NTP

Request for Quotation / Request for Information / Notice to Proceed. This case uses a prescribed question form and measures duration from NTP.

Official reference:
https://sam.gov/opp/c879b4befcd64d0bad2b7e6a842213e6/view

Key terms and official learning references

SF1442 / SF30 / STC

Construction solicitation/offer form / amendment form / Sound Transmission Class. Follow the actual forms and acoustic wall requirement; STC is not a fire rating.

Official reference:
https://sam.gov/opp/c879b4befcd64d0bad2b7e6a842213e6/view

SBA / WOSB / EDWOSB

U.S. Small Business Administration / Women-Owned Small Business / Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business. Distinct program conditions apply.

Official reference: https://www.sba.gov/certifications/

VOSB / SDVOSB

Veteran-Owned Small Business / Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business. Certification and contracting eligibility vary by program.

Official reference: https://www.sba.gov/veterans/

Key terms and official learning references

8(a) Business Development

Program for eligible small disadvantaged businesses; participation and conditions are specific.

Official reference:
https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-13/chapter-I/part-124

HUBZone

Historically Underutilized Business Zone program; location, employee residency and other conditions apply.

Official reference:
https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-13/chapter-I/part-126

Set-aside

Competition reserved for eligible firms. Confirm the specific size, registration and program requirements.

Official reference: https://www.sba.gov/counseling/how-to-win-contracts/

Key terms and official learning references

Joint venture

A defined joint business arrangement. Eligibility, registration and work-share conditions apply; teaming does not automatically cure evidence gaps.

Official reference:
https://www.sba.gov/certifications/contracting-assistance-programs/

CPARS

Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System. This case allows government review; distinguish it from the mandatory project narratives.

Official reference: https://www.cpars.gov/

Payment protection / surety bond

Protection for suppliers/subcontractors. This case permits a preferred payment bond or irrevocable letter of credit, with stated amount and deadlines; check the contract.

Official reference:
https://www.sba.gov/loans/additional-funding-opportunities/surety-bonds/

Key terms and official learning references

Wage determination

Specified prevailing wages/fringes for covered classifications. Use the attached determination and applicable requirements in your estimate.

Official reference:
https://sam.gov/opp/c879b4befcd64d0bad2b7e6a842213e6/view

GSA invoicing

Follow the contract inspection, acceptance and invoice instructions. The finance portal is named in this case; do not assume a generic payment cycle.

Official reference: https://finance.ocfo.gsa.gov/

APFS / DHS / USCG

Acquisition Planning Forecast System / Department of Homeland Security / U.S. Coast Guard. Forecasts are planning records, not open solicitations.

Official reference: https://apfs-cloud.dhs.gov/

Key terms and official learning references

RMACC / NMACC / IDIQ

Regional / National Multiple Award Construction Contract; Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity. Orders can require access to an existing vehicle.

Official reference:
https://apfs-cloud.dhs.gov/record/68524/public-print/

MCP / OAuth

Model Context Protocol connects your assistant to Qualified Bid tools. OAuth is an authorization framework. Use the current guide for your assistant.

Official reference: https://qualifiedbid.qualifiedcapacity.com/#connect