Key terms and learning references

Awards and actions

An award is a distinct contract or order with activity. Actions are its individual recorded transactions. Period counts are not necessarily new awards or open bids.

Official learning reference
www.usaspending.gov
Full destination: clickable link and QR.

NAICS — North American Industry Classification System

Classification helps research related industries; matching a code does not establish eligibility for a solicitation.

Official learning reference
www.census.gov
Full destination: clickable link and QR.

SDVOSB — Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

Durham uses this set-aside. Verify the applicable certification and notice conditions before treating a business as eligible.

Official learning reference
www.sba.gov
Full destination: clickable link and QR.

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Amendment

An official change to solicitation terms. Reconcile changed instructions, schedule and acknowledgment requirements before preparing a response.

Durham notice example
sam.gov
Full destination: clickable link and QR.

Teaming arrangement

A partnership/joint venture or prime-subcontractor arrangement for the particular contract can have different rules. Apply the actual solicitation and arrangement conditions.

Official learning reference
www.acquisition.gov
Full destination: clickable link and QR.

Past performance

Evidence of how relevant work was performed. Read this separately from required technical experience and role; neutral treatment does not waive another gate.

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Proper invoice

Payment depends on the applicable contract terms, required invoice information and any acceptance condition; submitting an invoice is not immediate payment.

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Firm-fixed-price

This contract type generally places cost and profit/loss responsibility on the contractor. Read any applicable adjustment or change provisions.

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Qualified Bid connection

Connect through the current Claude, ChatGPT or Codex guide. The hosted Model Context Protocol (MCP) connection uses Qualified Bid sign-in.

Qualified Bid setup guide
qualifiedbid.qualifiedcapacity.com
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