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### NITAAC Obtains 801 Certification

#### *NITAAC Fully-Certified to Support DoD Assisted Acquisitions*

**Rockville, MD-3/23/22** - Today, the National Institutes of Health Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC) announced that it has obtained 801 certification for fiscal year 2022. This certification will enable NITAAC to support Assisted Acquisition Services for the Department of Defense (DoD). Prior to this, the DoD could only make direct awards on NITAAC's three Best in Class (BIC) Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts, and each purchase required a waiver. With this new 801 certification, that will no longer be the case.

801 certification is an important designation as it allows DoD to use NITAAC Assisted Acquisition Services to place an order, make a purchase, or otherwise procure property or services for the DoD, in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, **without a special waiver.**

“NITAAC is pleased to once again be able to provide our acquisition expertise to the DoD,” said NITAAC Acting Director Brian Goodger. “With Assisted Acquisitions, the DoD will benefit from the capabilities and expertise of our contracting officers, as well as the efficiencies and economies associated with leveraging resources and requirements. It truly is a win-win for all,” said Goodger.

In fact, the DoD has turned to NITAAC to support more than \$8.7 billion in acquisitions since its GWAC inception. The United States Army, Air Force, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to name a few, have long relied on NITAAC to assist with IT modernization, mission analytics and cybersecurity.

NITAAC's assisted acquisition professionals are information technology (IT) contracting experts, adept at providing innovative acquisitions solutions. As part of the first class to receive FAC-C Level-III Digital Information Technology Acquisition Program (DITAP) certification, NITAAC is ready help deliver IT products, services and solutions through one of our three Best in Class Government-Wide Acquisitions Contracts right away. Beginning in FY22 contracting personnel assigned to Digital Services (DS) acquisitions over \$7 million will be required to obtain this certification. NITAAC's FAC-C-DS Level III personnel can provide this knowledge





For more information on NITAAC's Assisted Acquisitions Services, visit the NITAAC website at <https://nitaac.nih.gov/services/assisted-acquisitions>. Click on our Electronic Government Ordering Service (e-GOS) to start your order or read more about our Assisted Acquisition Services.

You'll find NITAAC is always ready to serve the DoD, so you can keep your focus on your mission.

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### **About NITAAC:**

The NIH Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC) is housed within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It is a full service federal information technology (IT) acquisitions program that has been designated a federal Executive Agent, authorized by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to administer three Best in Class (BIC) Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) for information technology procurements. The GWACs – CIO-SP3, CIO-SP3 Small Business and CIO-CS – can be used by any federal agency, civilian or Department of Defense (DoD), to acquire information technology services, solutions and commodities from pre-qualified vendors at lower than open market rates/prices. Our federal authorization under FAR 16.5 enables us to offer streamlined acquisition processes and considerably shorten acquisition timeframes. NITAAC also operates a full-service Assisted Acquisitions Services program and is one of three OMB mandatory sources for laptop and desktop buys through our Government-Wide Strategic Solutions (GSS) program.

