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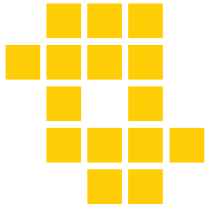SARAH MULLINS
CHESS, PRODUCT LEAD
17 OCT 2023

WHAT IS CHESS?

THE ARMY'S MANDATORY SOURCE FOR ALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PURCHASES OF COMMERCIAL OFF THE SHELF (COTS) HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND *SERVICES.

*All cloud services, software development, and continuous software evolution service-type contracts (e.g., labor) are no longer required to use CHESS nor are they required to obtain a Statement of Non-Availability to use a contract outside of CHESS. For additional information reference the Update to Mandatory Source for Commercial IT Services memo signed 15 September 2023.

MANDATORY SOURCE POLICY

AFARS 5139

- All IT purchases must be submitted through the **Information Technology Approval System (ITAS)**
- Purchasers of COTS IT **must utilize CHESS contracts first** (includes J/ELAs and ESI)
- Regardless of dollar value
- Regardless of financial appropriation
- KOs must receive CHESS training

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- **Primary source for establishing** commercial IT contracts for hardware, software, and services
- Organizations shall use the *consolidated buy* to satisfy desktop and notebook requirements

2023

MISSION

Be the *primary source* to support the Warfighter's information dominance objectives by developing, implementing and managing commercial information technology contracts that provide enterprise-wide net-centric hardware, software and support services for the Army.

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VISION

To be the Army's center of excellence for commercial IT acquisition through continuously competitive contracts that *provide economical, value-added, NetworthyIT* products and superior, performance-based IT services based on Army and DOD policy and standards compliance.

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COMPUTER HARDWARE, ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE, & SOLUTIONS

ORGANIZATION

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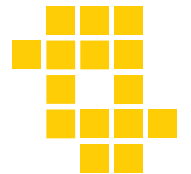
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COMPUTER HARDWARE, ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE & SOLUTIONS - CHESS

CHESS MAGNITUDE

No contract usage fee

Contracts include Army and DOD standards

Regular technology refresh

Authorized resellers

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AVAILABILITY

171 Contracts with ceiling value exceeding **$38B**

$1.88B Spent across all contracts annually

9 Joint/Enterprise License Agreements (J/ELA)

11 DoD Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI) as Software Product Manager

COST AVOIDANCE

$1.4B cost avoidance over GSA catalog price

$13.8M GSA fee avoidance

USAGE

$1.84B spent across all contracts annually

$696M (38%) to Small Business based on ID/IQ spend

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NO CONTRACT USAGE FEE

DOD COMPLIANCE, ARMY & NETCOM STANDARDS

OPEN TO ALL DOD AND FEDERAL

DECENTRALIZED ORDERING

TECHNOLOGY REFRESHMENT

NO PROTESTS < $25M

CUSTOMER SUPPORT TEAM

The Army's mandatory source for all information technology (IT) purchases of commercial off the shelf (COTS) hardware, software and services.

IT E-MART
HTTPS://CHESS.ARMY.MIL

HARDWARE
- REVERSE AUCTION
- CONSOLIDATED BUY
- REQUEST FOR QUOTE

ADMC-3
Best In Class, Laptops, Desktops, Monitors, Printers

ITES-3H
Servers/Workstations, Network Equipment, Multifunctional Devices, VTC Equipment, Peripherals

SOFTWARE
- LICENSE TRACKER
- REQUEST FOR QUOTE
- REVERSE AUCTION

ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENTS
2 or More Army Commands, Applied Funding, Validated Requirements

ITES-SW2
Multiple Brands, Related Incidentals, & Services/Hardware

ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE INITIATIVES
DOD Level Customers, Applied Funding Not Required, Validated Requirements

SERVICES
- REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
- REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

ITES-3S
Full range of it services & solutions services worldwide

- Cloud Services
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Services
- Enterprise Design
- Enterprise Integration, & Consolidation
- Cyber-security Services

- Business Process Reengineering
- IT Education and Training
- Network/Systems Operation & Maintenance
- Telecommunications/Systems Operation & Maintenance

CHESS WEBSITE – IT E-MART

News & Highlights

Customer Requirements

Customer Support

Log-In/ Registration

Customer Tools

Training & Events

https://chess.army.mil

CHESS TRAINING COORDINATIOIN & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The CHESS 101 Briefing provides a program overview including detailed information about our Hardware, Software, and Services contracts. The CHESS Team is also able to host specialized, tailored trainings based on your command's needs.

CHESS is also actively accepting request for industry meetings, speaking engagements, and conference participation.

Contact Alex Pham at alexander.q.pham2.ctr@army.mil to request a training and/or public relations.

Training Calendar:
https://chess.army.mil/Static/EventCalendar