

FACT SHEET

US ARMY COMPUTER HARDWARE, ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE AND SOLUTIONS (CHESS)

Mission

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

Vision

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

At a Glance

- CHESS is the Army's designated "primary source" for commercial IT.
- CHESS provides a no-fee, flexible procurement strategy through which an Army user may procure commercial off-the-shelf IT hardware, software and services through our simple, straightforward contract vehicles via the Army CHESS IT enterprise marketplace (IT e-mart) at <https://chess.army.mil>.
- The CHESS IT e-mart provides the following capabilities to CHESS customers: Contract Information, Modifications and Lists of Products, Request For Quote/Request For Proposal/Request For Information Tool, Statements of Non-Availability Request Tool, License Tracker for Software, Consolidated Buy Comparison Tool, Request for Training Tool, CHESS Tutorials, Ordering Guides & Frequently Asked Questions, Events Calendar, Software Agreements for Enterprise License Agreements and Enterprise Software Initiatives, "Report a Bug" for Feedback, Link to Information Technology Approval System website, and Government Employee Purchase Program.
- CHESS serves as the Army's Software Product Manager representative to the DOD Enterprise Software Initiative program.
- Implements and manages multiple Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts: Software Contracts (ITES-SW2), Hardware Contracts (ADMC-3, ITES-3H) and Services Contracts (ITES-3S).
- CHESS manages the execution of the Army Consolidated Buy program four times a year, which mandates that all desktop and/or notebook computers must be purchased through CHESS in accordance with AR 25-1.

