



SEWP Mission Statement

As an established and agile leader in the Federal Acquisition Community, the SEWP Program Office manages a suite of government-wide IT product solution contracts that provide NASA and all Federal Agencies with timely access to mission critical technologies.

The Program provides best value and cost savings for the Federal Government and American taxpayer through innovative procurement tools and processes; premier customer service and outreach; and advocacy of competition and cooperation with industry.

Vision Statement

SEWP will solidify its reputation as an innovative, customer-focused program as it seamlessly transitions to SEWP V and will be a visible, leading contributor to NASA and the Federal IT Acquisition Community.

Strategic Sourcing

SEWP DESIGNATED AS LEAD GWAC ON FEDERAL STRATEGIC SOURCING INITIATIVE FOR DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)

Strategic sourcing is an institutional procurement process that continuously improves and re-evaluates the purchasing activities of an organization. It is often considered one component of **supply chain management**.

Reasons for strategic sourcing

- Saves money*
- Standardizes technology*
- Simplifies purchasing procedure*
- Accelerates ordering process & delivery times*
- Minimizes administration*

Challenges of strategic sourcing

- Most IT products & solutions are highly configurable*
- IT is constantly evolving*
- Complexity of systems*
- Vulnerability of outside forces which impact the supply chain (floods, earthquakes, fires, etc)*
- Manufacturers require minimum order*
- Trade Agreements Act / Country of origin*
- Ramp-up of standardized products takes time and money*

Excerpt from OMB Memorandum M-13-02 'Improving Acquisition through Strategic Sourcing'

"Executive departments and agencies spend over \$500 billion annually to buy goods and services in support of their missions. Since taking office, President Obama has prioritized cutting unnecessary contracting and ensuring that all contracts deliver the best value for the American people.

As a result, agencies have saved billions of taxpayer dollars through smarter acquisition processes. One key way agencies have saved money is by pooling their spending, either by centralizing the agency's contracting decisions or by using government-wide strategic sourcing vehicles, in order to lower prices and reduce duplication and administrative costs."

Following OMB's request for GWAC's to propose strategies for applying strategic sourcing to IT product acquisition; SEWP was selected to lead these efforts. Still in the early development, SEWP is working with its Contract Holders to establish purchasing parameters for items such as laptops and desktops. Once a set of basic configurations is established, customers will be able to purchase those items quickly and easily through the SEWP contracts at significantly discounted rates, taking advantage of the many benefits strategic sourcing provides.

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Key SEWP Web Tools:

Quote Request Tool

Quote Verification
Tool

Manufacturer Look-
up Tool

SEWP Achievements

SEWP Receives 1 Year ATO (Authority To Operate)

On April 10th, SEWP celebrated a significant milestone in their ongoing mission. After weeks of intensive effort on the part of the Tech Team, SEWP received its Authorization To Operate (ATO) for the next year from the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). Earning an ATO requires an in-depth security review of existing systems and services. The purpose of the review is to ensure a safe and secure work environment.

“You Make The Difference” certificates for this critical achievement were personally presented by ASRC Federal Primus Program Manager Chris Jedrey to Randi Gidderon, Tech Team Manager, Cathy Shry, Deputy Tech Team Manager, KG Woltz, Alan Lum, Gina Visnansky, Ken Fiester, Jesse Bennett, Sergey Kuznetsov, Kim Griffith, Kermit Russell, Cathey Chambers, and Andre McKenzie.



SEWP's Tech Team celebrates their achievement!

Featured FAQs:

Can Government support service contractors make purchases off SEWP Contracts?

The SEWP IV contracts are for use by NASA, all Federal Agencies and authorized support service Federal Agency contractors. To authorize a contractor to purchase from the SEWP Contracts, the Contracting Officer for the support service contract should send a copy of an authorization letter to the SEWP Program Office. Details of FAR requirements and the letter's contents are available on the SEWP website under Order Info.

SEWP Expert Column

Dear SEWP Expert,

I need to purchase some IT equipment but I do not know where to start. I asked one my co-workers for some help and they told me to use the product verification tool, but I do not see the items I am looking for, and I know they are in scope. I know you have the manufacturer on contract but I still cannot find my product. Please help!

Sincerely,
Still Searching

Dear Still Searching,

The best place to start if you are looking for a specific product is to use our new Quote Request Tool (QRT) accessible from our homepage. Companies can add products within 24 hours, so this is the best way to determine product availability, and if used correctly satisfies fair opportunity.

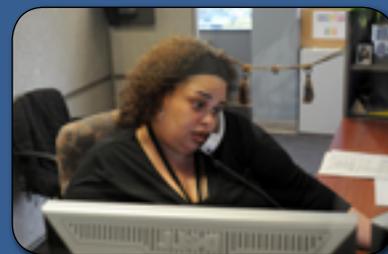
To obtain a quote for the product you need, all you need to do is create an account using the QRT. Go to SEWP Tools on the upper menu and click on "Quote Request Tool". Once you log-in to the tool, click on "create", then "create new request". It will then take you through a step-by-step process for creating your RFQ. You will have to let the companies know

what you are looking for in the subject field. Treat that just like an email subject line; you will want something catchy that grabs their attention. Next, you will have to select which groups you are soliciting. If you do not have a particular socio-economic preference we would suggest going to all of them.

The next step will be for you to upload your specifications. You should be as detailed as possible here; serial numbers or part numbers will work well. You will then decide how you would like to receive responses via email with the quote attached or via email without the quote attached. Be sure to fill in your contact information so they can contact you if they have any questions about your RFQ. Select how many days you like for you request to remain open, then hit "submit". You should be receiving quotes in no time. Hope this helps!

As always, you can make use of our online-chat or phone line, which are both available Monday – Friday from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm or our help email, which we will respond to within 24 hours, if you run into any roadblocks.

Happy Purchasing!
SEWP Expert



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SEWP Office hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30 AM – 6 PM EST

Contact Us:

Live Online Chat

Email:

help@sewp.nasa.gov

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Or Visit Our Website:

www.sewp.nasa.gov

Can I do a sole source RFQ?

Unless the order is under the micro-purchase limit of \$3,000, FAR 16.505(b)(1) provides that each contractor shall be given Fair Opportunity for orders issued under multiple award contracts. At a minimum, to provide Fair Opportunity, all Contract Holders within any one of the four individual competed Groups must be provided Opportunity. Therefore, only orders under \$3,000 can be sole sourced.

Where's SEWP?

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
NASA National Capital Region Industry Day (Day 1)	6/25/2013	NASA - HQ (Washington, DC)
NASA National Capital Region Industry Day (Day 2)	6/27/2013	NASA - GSFC (Greenbelt, MD)
Meeting at MAGIC 2013	7/10-13/2013	Alexandria, VA
The Open Group	7/15-18/2013	Philadelphia, PA
NCMA World Congress	7/21-24/2013	Nashville, TN
NASA SDVOSB Industry Day	8/13/2013	GSFC - Greenbelt, MD

Interested in SEWP V?

All information regarding SEWP V can be located on the SEWP V Webpage (<https://www.sewp.nasa.gov/sewpv/>) and on Fedbizopps.gov. In order to register for all SEWP V announcements please send an email to sewpv@sewp.nasa.gov and you will be notified when new information is available. More information is available here: <http://www.sewp.nasa.gov/sewpv/>

