



Georgia Technology Authority

GTA ENTERPRISE GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING

The IT Project Assurance Services contract resulted from the work of GTA's Enterprise Governance and Planning (EGAP) unit. EGAP promotes an enterprise approach to technology by establishing statewide policies, standards, and guidelines based on industry best practices and federal requirements. EGAP works closely with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and state agencies to ensure an individual agency's IT strategy aligns with its overall business strategy and business continuity planning. EGAP is involved in managing the state's portfolio of technology projects to ensure they meet established goals and are completed on schedule and within budget.

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IT Project Assurance Services

State contract saves agencies time and money while ensuring expert assistance

The state's Information Technology Project Assurance Services (ITPAS) contract, which has been recently updated, helps state agencies obtain important business services from private-sector companies recognized for their expertise.

The Georgia Technology Authority negotiated the contract to save state agencies time and money when searching for a qualified contractor to provide:

- Independent Verification and Validation
- Portfolio, Program, Planning, and Project Management Support
- Quality Assurance and Testing

By using the ITPAS contract, a state agency can move quickly to a solution. The agency works with GTA to develop a Statement of Need, which GTA issues to the pre-qualified contractors. In cooperation with GTA, the agency reviews the proposed Statement of Work (SOW) submitted by contractors and selects the contractor who best suits its needs.

Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V)

IV&V is a set of activities performed by a certified entity not under the control of the agency responsible for the project. It typically includes an in-depth review of foundational project

documents, such as charters, scope statements, and business cases; project status documents; and project planning documents, including project plans, risk management information, regulatory compliance plans, test plans, and acceptance criteria. IV&V also frequently involves interviews with project sponsors, stakeholders, and members of various teams.

IV&V is required for executive branch IT projects costing more than \$1 million. By detecting errors, problems, and opportunities for improvement at the earliest possible points, IV&V improves work quality, guards against cost overruns, and helps ensure project success.

The following companies are pre-qualified to provide IV&V services:

- Berry Dunn
- Cambria
- Cognosante
- CSG Government Solutions
- Ernst & Young
- First Data Government Solutions, LP
- HKA Strategy
- KPMG, LLP
- NTT Data
- Public Consulting Group
- The North Highland Company
- The Prinzo Group

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Portfolio, Program, Planning, and Project Management (PM) Support

A qualified project manager resource is provided to support an agency's Project Management Office or specific project initiatives, including business process analysis and re-engineering.

The following companies are pre-qualified to provide PM support:

- Accenture
- CSG Government Solutions
- Deloitte
- First Data Government Solutions, LP
- Gartner
- HKA Strategy
- Navigator
- Public Consulting Group
- The North Highland Company
- The Prinzo Group

Quality Assurance and Testing (QA&T)

QA&T helps agencies achieve greater operational efficiency and performance by ensuring alignment between business and IT units. It involves rigorous testing to identify quality and performance deficiencies.

The following companies are pre-qualified to provide QA&T:

- Cambria
- CSG Government Solutions
- First Data Government Solutions, LP
- Navigator
- NTT Data