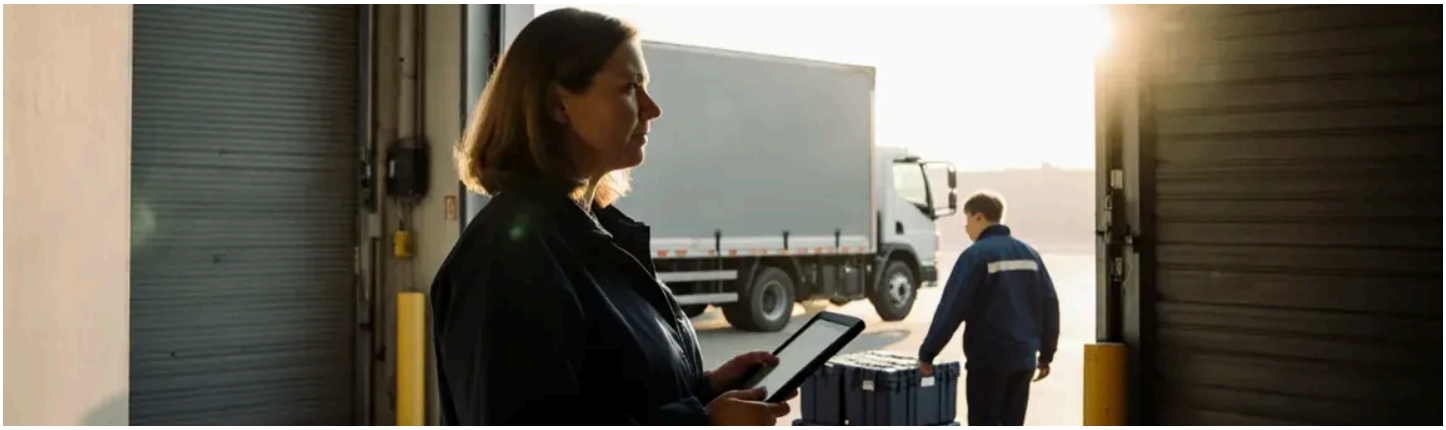


NASA SEWP VI Opens, NITAAC Closes, GSA Consolidates: What Federal Buyers Should Do Now

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Meanwhile, GSA is consolidating governmentwide buying and the FAR overhaul is rewriting the rules. For program managers and contracting officers, the risk is not a lack of vehicles. It is requirements stuck between them.

What Changed in 2026: What Is Final, What Is Proposed, What Is Planned

Final: NITAAC has closed to new orders. On June 9, 2026, NITAAC announced that the HHS Senior Procurement Executive had decided "all NITAAC GWACs will sunset on October 29, 2026." That covers CIO-SP3, CIO-SP3 Small Business and CIO-CS. New orders awarded on or after June 8, 2026 cannot run past December 31, 2028, and HHS and NIH will end NITAAC program functions after that date. NITAAC's notice says future requirements go to "existing vehicles within the General Services Administration (GSA) portfolio and other agency sources." A follow up notice from the NITAAC Director says orders from outside HHS with a period of performance beyond December 31, 2028 will be administered by GSA.

Final: NASA SEWP VI is open. NASA began processing SEWP VI awards on June 22, 2026. Federal News Network reported in June 2026 that NASA "chose 1,490 vendors and made 2,115 awards across three categories" (A, B and C), compared

with about 197 awards to 140 companies under SEWP V in 2015. The ordering period runs from November 1, 2026 to October 31, 2036. SEWP VI adds services categories alongside the traditional products category. NASA extended SEWP V ordering through January 31, 2027 to smooth the handoff, but SEWP V quotes do not carry over, so agencies need new quotes under SEWP VI.

Planned, not final: GSA management of SEWP. Executive Order 14240 (March 2025) directs consolidation of governmentwide acquisition under GSA, and GSA says it is leading efforts to bring the SEWP and NITAAC vehicles into its portfolio. As of late summer 2026, reporting described GSA staff working inside the SEWP program office with continuity as the stated priority, and no transfer date announced. Treat any "SEWP has moved to GSA" claim with caution until an official date is published.

Proposed, not final: the FAR rewrite. Under Executive Order 14275, the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul issued model class deviations in 2025. It began formal rulemaking on June 23, 2026 with four proposed rules, and released a second batch of four in September, with comments due October 19, 2026. The FAR Council plans twelve proposed rules in total. Final rules have not yet been issued, so agency deviations govern day to day practice in the meantime.

Context: funding. Agencies are operating under a continuing resolution through December 11, 2026, which makes advance preparation more valuable.

A Practical Framework: The Vehicle Path Finder Checklist

Work through this list for every requirement you expect to award in the next 12 months.

1. **Where is it today?** If it sits on CIO-CS or CIO-SP3, note the period of performance and options. Orders placed after June 8, 2026 cannot extend past December 31, 2028.
2. **What is it?** Products, services or a mix. SEWP VI Category A focuses on IT, communications and audio visual products. Categories B and C cover services. GSA MAS covers both.
3. **Who must be able to use it?** Check agency policies, delegations and any mandatory use direction tied to GSA consolidation.
4. **What are the fees and ordering steps?** Compare access fees, required tools (such as the SEWP VI Quote Request Tool) and how long the ordering process takes.
5. **Do you need fresh quotes?** Anything quoted on SEWP V must be quoted again on SEWP VI. Build that into your schedule before January 31, 2027.
6. **Which rules apply?** Confirm with your contracting office which FAR overhaul deviations are in effect for your agency.
7. **Is there an enterprise agreement?** For some software, DoD ESI agreements or GSA's governmentwide agreements with software and cloud providers may offer better terms than an open market buy.

The Cost of Doing Nothing

- **Stranded requirements.** A requirement planned for CIO-CS now needs a new vehicle, new market research and possibly new quotes.
- **A January crunch.** Thousands of SEWP V quotes need replacing before SEWP V ordering ends.
- **Missed funding windows.** When full year funding arrives after a continuing resolution, the teams with vehicle decisions already made award first.

- **Compliance surprises.** Using a vehicle outside its scope, or after its ordering deadline, creates protest and audit risk.

A simple way to measure it: count the requirements in your next two quarters that sit on a closing vehicle, then multiply by the weeks of rework each one needs.

How Norseman Helps

Norseman has supported federal buyers since 1992 and holds vehicles across the transition, so we can be candid about which one fits.

- **NASA SEWP VI, Category A,** contract 80TECH26D0154, ordering period November 1, 2026 to October 31, 2036
- **NASA SEWP V,** ordering through January 31, 2027
- **GSA MAS** and **ITES-4H**
- **DoD ESI agreements** for Elastic, GitLab, Palo Alto Networks and JFrog

Our Procurement Support lane runs alongside our engineering lane at every stage. That means a budgetary estimate on the vehicle you use, OEM program pricing across more than 300 technology vendors, and test reports and configuration baselines that support your ATO. Norseman is a small business, CAGE 0WNZ6, UEI G8LCAVK5AVW7.

Norseman also held a CIO-CS contract. Customers with existing CIO-CS orders can ask us how the NITAAC wind down affects them.

Book a Contract Vehicle Path Finder Session

Bring your requirements list. Leave with a vehicle for each one. In a working session, our procurement and engineering leads will map each requirement to a vehicle that is open, in scope and fast, and flag anything that needs a fresh SEWP VI quote.

Find my path

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Frequently Asked Questions

When did NASA SEWP VI ordering start?

NASA SEWP VI ordering opened on November 1, 2026 and runs through October 31, 2036. SEWP V ordering continues through January 31, 2027, but SEWP V quotes are not valid for SEWP VI orders.

What happens to existing CIO-SP3 and CIO-CS orders?

No new NITAAC orders could be awarded after October 29, 2026. Orders placed before June 8, 2026 keep their original period of performance. Orders placed on or after June 8 must end by December 31, 2028. NITAAC says orders from outside HHS that run beyond that date will be administered by GSA.

Is the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul final?

No. As of November 2026, the FAR Council has published eight of a planned twelve proposed rules and has not issued final rules. Agency class deviations govern current practice.

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