



TSS GROUP LLC SDVOSB Procurement Guide

For VA Requiring Offices, Contracting Officers, and Budget Teams



TSS Group Credentials

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The Core Concept — Read This First

Congress established a statutory procurement preference for SDVOSB firms that applies specifically to the VA. This is not optional guidance. It is federal law.

Under **38 U.S.C. § 8127(d)**, the VA **must** consider SDVOSB firms before using GSA Schedule or open competition. The law reads:

"The Secretary shall award contracts on the basis of competition restricted to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans... if two or more such concerns will submit offers..."

And under **38 U.S.C. § 8127(a)**, the VA **may** award sole-source contracts to verified SDVOSB firms up to \$4 million when only one SDVOSB firm is available.

What this means in practice: SDVOSB is not an alternative to GSA. SDVOSB is the preferred procurement path. GSA Schedule is the fallback when no SDVOSB firm can meet the requirement.

The Budget Office Perspective

For budget team members, here is how to think about this in financial terms:

GSA Schedule procurement:

- Funds are obligated through a GSA Schedule order
- The VA pays GSA's administered pricing (includes GSA's 0.75% Industrial Funding Fee)
- Competition occurs at the GSA Schedule holder level; multiple vendors submit quotes
- Award goes to lowest-priced technically acceptable
- Payment: Standard ACH/EFT through Treasury via IPP
- Timeline: 2–6 weeks for RFQ evaluation

SDVOSB sole-source procurement:

- Funds are obligated through a direct contract action
- The VA pays TSS Group's quoted price (no GSA IFF embedded)
- No competition required — Congress waived it for SDVOSB under \$4M
- The VA's obligation authority is the same — appropriated funds are used the same way
- The bona fide need rule (31 U.S.C. § 1502) applies identically
- Payment: Identical ACH/EFT path through Treasury. Same IPP intake, same SAM.gov banking, same Net 30 terms. The payment process does not change because the procurement vehicle changed.
- Timeline: 3–7 days for justification and award

The key difference for budget: The funding source is the same. The obligation process is the same. The appropriation code is the same. The payment path is the same. What changes is the procurement vehicle — and SDVOSB sole-source is the simpler, faster, congressionally-preferred vehicle.

Common Confusion — GSA vs. SDVOSB

Many VA offices default to GSA Schedule because it is familiar. That familiarity can create a misunderstanding that GSA is the required path. It is not.

Question	GSA Schedule	SDVOSB Sole-Source
Is it required by law?	No — one option among many	Yes — Congress mandates VA consider SDVOSB first

Does it require competition?	Yes — multiple quotes needed	No — sole-source authorized up to \$4M
Does TSS need a GSA Schedule?	Yes	No
How long does it take?	2–6 weeks	3–7 days
Does it require a GSA IFF?	Yes — 0.75% baked into pricing	No
Is the payment path different?	No — ACH through Treasury	No — same ACH through Treasury
What's the citation?	FAR 8.405	38 U.S.C. § 8127(a); 13 CFR § 125.15
Who has authority?	Any federal agency	VA-specific (VA only)

If a budget team member asks “Why not just use GSA?” — the answer is: you can, but Congress wrote a law specifically telling the VA to use SDVOSB first. Using GSA when a verified SDVOSB firm can meet the requirement skips a step Congress wanted the VA to take.

The Three Tiers — How to Buy from TSS Group

Tier 1: Under \$15,000 — Government Purchase Card

- Authority: FAR 13.201
- No contract required, no competition, no justification memo
- VA requiring office contacts TSS Group, defines scope, pays invoice via GPC
- Covers work such as the pending VSS Server Investigation (\$1,100) and 1st Floor 2-Door Add (\$6,755)

Tier 2: \$15,001 to \$4,000,000 — SDVOSB Sole-Source

- Authority: 38 U.S.C. § 8127(a); 13 CFR § 125.15
- No competition, no GSA Schedule, no RFQ
- Contracting Officer verifies TSS Group in SAM.gov (UEI: VC8RJQ1TTGV5)
- TSS Group provides a quote; CO writes a 1–2 page sole-source justification
- VA awards directly; payment via standard ACH through Treasury — same path as GSA

Tier 3: Over \$4,000,000 — SDVOSB Set-Aside Competition

- Authority: 38 U.S.C. § 8127(d)
- Contract is set aside for SDVOSB firms only
- TSS Group competes as prime or teaming partner

Step-by-Step: SDVOSB Sole-Source (Tier 2)

Step 1 — Requiring office identifies the need

A purchase request is submitted through normal internal channels. Nothing changes about how the need is defined.

Step 2 — Contracting Officer verifies SDVOSB status

The CO looks up TSS Group in SAM.gov using UEI: VC8RJQ1TTGV5. Takes approximately two minutes. TSS Group can provide a verification screenshot if preferred.

Step 3 — TSS Group provides a quote

Firm-fixed-price quote with line-item breakdown, labor categories, and rates consistent with FAR 15.404-4.

Step 4 — Contracting Officer writes justification

A brief memo citing:

- 38 U.S.C. § 8127(a) as the authority
- TSS Group's SDVOSB verification (UEI: VC8RJQ1TTGV5)
- Statement that TSS is a responsible contractor
- Determination that the requirement supports use of the SDVOSB sole-source authority

Most COs have a template for this (VA Form 10-0361 or equivalent).

Step 5 — Award

The VA awards directly to TSS Group. No GSA, no competition, no waiting for RFQ responses.

Step 6 — Payment via ACH

Once TSS Group submits a proper invoice (SF-1034 or commercial invoice with required FAR 52.212-4(g) elements), payment is processed through the VA's standard financial system:

- Invoice submitted via IPP (Invoice Processing Platform) or VA's designated invoice intake method
- VA certifies the invoice against the contract and acceptance of goods/services
- Treasury disburses payment via ACH/EFT to TSS Group's bank account on file in SAM.gov
- Payment terms are Net 30 per FAR 52.232-1, or as specified in the contract

This is the same ACH path used for GSA Schedule payments. The funds move through identical Treasury disbursement channels. No special payment setup, no alternate banking arrangement. The only difference is the procurement vehicle that initiated the obligation — not the payment mechanism that settles it.

Legal References

Authority	What It Does	Citation
SDVOSB Sole-Source	VA can sole-source up to \$4M to verified SDVOSB firms	38 U.S.C. § 8127(a); 13 CFR § 125.15
SDVOSB Preference	VA must consider SDVOSB before GSA or open competition	38 U.S.C. § 8127(d); VAAR 819.7004
SDVOSB Verification	TSS Group is CVE-verified in SAM.gov	38 U.S.C. § 8127(c); 13 CFR § 125.12
Micro-Purchase Authority	GPC purchases under \$15K, no competition	FAR 13.201; FAR 13.003
Bona Fide Need Rule	Funds must be obligated in the year needed (applies equally to GSA and SDVOSB)	31 U.S.C. § 1502
Payment Terms	Net 30, ACH/EFT through Treasury	FAR 52.232-1

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Quick Reference Card

Under \$15,000? GPC. Contact TSS Group, get a quote, pay the invoice. No contract, no competition, no GSA.

\$15,000 to \$4,000,000? SDVOSB sole-source. Verify TSS in SAM.gov, get a quote, write a 1–2 page justification, award directly, pay via standard ACH through Treasury. No GSA, no competition, no special payment setup.

Over \$4,000,000? SDVOSB set-aside competition. TSS competes as prime or teaming partner.

Key point: SDVOSB is not an exception to the rule. SDVOSB is the rule. Congress wrote it that way.

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