MISSION
Enable information dominance for every Soldier by rapidly delivering innovative and cost-effective IT solutions connecting the global Army.

VISION
PEO EIS will be the recognized leader in shaping IT acquisition and driving innovative technology implementation across the DOD.

- Enabling Soldier readiness and agility through development, acquisition and fielding of critical Army business information systems
- Leading Army technology modernization in personnel, equipment, installations, medical, communications and computer infrastructure
- Managing more than 25% of the Army’s IT budget – $2.15 billion annually
MISSION

Be the Primary Source to support the Warfighter's information dominance objectives by developing, implementing and managing commercial information technology 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, Networthy IT products and superior, performance-based IT services based on Army and DOD policy and standards compliance.
“...Purchasers of commercial hardware and software must satisfy their IT requirements by utilizing CHESS contracts and DoD enterprise software agreements first, regardless of dollar value. Any IT hardware or software purchase made outside of the CHESS contracts requires Army Chief Information officer (CIO)/G6 approved Goal 1 Waiver.”

AFARS 5139.101-90 (a)

“... If no small business capability exists, CHESS contract vehicles are the preferred source for acquisition of IT services.”

“... Goal 1 Waivers from the use of CHESS are not required when procuring IT services. If a services requirement includes non-CHESS IT hardware or software, personnel must secure an Army CIO/G6 approved Goal 1 Waiver for the non-CHESS IT hardware or software...”

AFARS 5139.101-90 (b)

“... Principal assistants responsible for contracting must ensure that contracting personnel receive appropriate CHESS training...”

AFARS 5139.101-90 (c)
“… This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard /Army National Guard of the United States, and the US Army Reserve unless otherwise stated.” (Applicability, p.i.)

“… It applies to information technology contained in both business systems and national security systems (except as noted) developed for or purchased by the Department of Army.” (Summary, p.i.)

“… It applies to IT contained in command and control (C2) systems, intelligence systems (except as noted), business systems, and (when identified) national security systems (NSS) developed or purchased by the Department of Army (DA).” (1-1. Purpose)

Army Regulation 25-1: Army Information Technology (25 JUN 13)

{Additional CHESS references can be found in paras 2-16h, 3-4a, and 3-41}
CHESS Portfolio

FY15 - $2.05B
FY16 - $306M
Army Desktop and Mobile Computing-2/Consolidated Buy (ADMC-2/CB)

FY15 Sales $445M
ADMC-2 Contract Overview

- Eight (8) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracts
- Period of Performance: 24 APR 2006 to 23 APR 2016
- Open to Army, DOD, and Federal agencies
- Program Maximum: $5 Billion across all contracts for life of contracts (including all options)
- Decentralized Ordering
  - IT e-mart Request for Quote (RFQ) Tool preferred
  - Contracting Officers have the option to negotiate the proposed delivery order pricing
- No CHESS fee

ADMC-2 Contract Scope

- Commodity purchases of commercial off-the-shelf desktops, notebooks, ruggedized and semi-ruggedized devices, personal digital assistants, printers, scanners, power supplies, displays, video teleconferencing equipment (VTC), digital cameras, displays, transit cases and related accessories and upgrades. Limited services include: installation, asset tagging, imaging, site survey, system configuration. Related services: installation, site survey, system configuration, integration, imaging, asset tagging and distribution
- Base contract for desktop and notebook Consolidated Buys (CBs)
- Includes technology refreshment, replacement and new technology provisions
FY15 Sales $716M
ITES-2H Contract Overview

- Six (6) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracts
- Period of Performance: 09 FEB 2007 to 23 JUN 2016
- Open to Army only requirements as of 09 FEB 2012
- Program Maximum: $7.415 Billion across all contracts for life of contracts (including all options)
- Decentralized Ordering
  - IT e-mart Request for Quote (RFQ) Tool preferred
  - Contracting Officers have the option to negotiate the proposed delivery order pricing
- No CHESS fee

ITES-2H Contract Scope

- IT hardware solutions of commercial off-the-shelf RISC/EPIC servers, Windows based servers, workstations, thin clients, desktop and notebooks (as part of a total solution), storage systems, networking equipment, network printers, cables, connectors, cabinets, video teleconferencing equipment (VTC), power supplies and related ancillaries.
- Related Fixed Prices Services include: system configuration and integration, physical site analysis, installation and relocation, high availability configuration and legacy equipment warranty/maintenance.
- Includes desktops and notebooks for the fielding of a complete system or part of total solution
- Includes Technology Refresh and New Technology Provisions
3.0 UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE PARTIES: During each party’s respective requirements process, assess and either retain or recommend transfer of the materiel developer to the party with the appropriate core competency for the procurement. Each party will facilitate transfer by the means specified below:

3.1 Provide organizational information for each respective website managed by PdL CHS or PdL CHESS, to assist external organizations in understanding and obtaining needed services.

3.2 To provide awareness of the other party’s relevant contact information to their staff to aid informing a material developer regarding the best provider for their solution. Both parties agree to provide updated information as it becomes available, and to meet and discuss the terms of this agreement twice yearly.
Mobility Services

ADMC-2 Contract

Interested in a pre-loaded AGM mobile computing device (e.g., windows-based tablets, laptops), use the ADMC-2 contract and submit an RFQ. Ordering open to Army, DOD and other Federal Agencies.


Wi-Fi Devices Contract

Looking for an Android or Apple IOS Operating system device, use the Wi-Fi devices contract and submit an RFQ. Ordering open to Army, DOD and other Federal Agencies.

https://chess.army.mil/Contract/Program?Name=Wi-Fi%20Devices

NETCOM Wireless BPA

Needing a cellular wireless/data call plan, use the NETCOM Wireless BPA. Ordering is open to Army and Air Force as well as government officials within the DOD.


An ITAS Waiver is NOT required when using any of the Mobility Services Contracts!
FY15 Sales $830M
ITES-2S Contract Overview

- Sixteen (16) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracts
- Period of Performance: 20 DEC 2006 to 13 APR 2018
- Open to Army, DOD, and Federal agencies
- Program Maximum: $20 Billion across all contracts for life of contracts (including all options)
- Decentralized Ordering
  - IT e-mart Request for Proposal (RFP) Tool required for Task Order Requests (TORs)
  - Contracting Officers have the option to negotiate the proposed task order pricing
- No CHESS fee

ITES-2S Contract Scope

- A full range of services and solutions necessary for the Army to satisfy its support of Army net centric goals with Information Technology (IT) services worldwide
- The IT services solutions are categorized in the following task areas;
  - Army enterprise standardization
  - Army knowledge management
  - Active directory
  - Networthiness program
  - Internet Protocol Version 6
  - DOD information technology standards registry
  - Information assurance - Army and DOD policies
  - DOD architecture framework
Information Technology Services - Small Business (ITS-SB)

FY15 Sales $58M
ITS-SB Contract Overview

■ Twelve (12) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracts
■ Period of Performance: 12 JUL 2012 to 13 APR 2018
■ Open to Army, DOD, and Federal agencies
■ Program Maximum: $400 Million across all contracts for life of contracts (including all options)
■ Decentralized Ordering
  – IT e-mart Request for Proposal (RFP) Tool required for Task Order Requests (TORs)
  – Contracting Officers have the option to negotiate the proposed task order pricing
■ No CHESS fee
■ Firm fixed price, time and materials, cost plus

ITS-SB Contract Scope

■ A full range of services and solutions necessary for the Army to satisfy its support of the Army enterprise infrastructure and infostructure goals with information technology (IT) services within CONUS.
■ The IT services solutions are categorized in the following task areas;
  – Army enterprise standardization
  – Army knowledge management
  – Active directory
  – Networthiness program
  – Internet Protocol Version 6
  – DOD information technology standards registry
  – Information assurance - Army and DOD policies
  – DOD architecture framework
Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – Software (ITES-SW)

FY15 Sales $3.16M
ITES-SW Contract Overview

■ Three (3) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracts
■ Period of Performance: 11 FEB 2015 to 11 FEB 2020
■ Open to Ordering contracting officers within the Army
■ Program Maximum: $49 Million across all contracts for life of contracts (including all options)
■ Decentralized Ordering
  – IT e-mart Request for Quote (RFQ) Tool
■ No CHESS fee

ITES-SW Contract Scope

■ COTS software products and related services that have obtained a full Certificate of Networthiness (CoN) applicable under the following categories:
  – IT Utility & Security
  – Modeling & Simulation
  – Multimedia & Design
  – Program & Development
ELA Contract Overview

- ELAs are typically service component specific unless specified as a Joint effort between two or more DOD components
- 15 Software Agreements
- Period of Performance varies
- Ordering Open To varies
- Decentralized Ordering

ELA Scope

- Utilizes best practices for establishing ELAs
- Acquisition Planning specific to ELAs
- Vendor relationships
- Established standard terms and conditions for ELAs
- Strong partnership with supporting Contracting Office
- Army representative to the DOD Enterprise Software Initiative
ESI Contract Overview

- Co-chaired by OASD/CIO staffer and DOD service rep (currently Navy)
- ESI Established Jun 1998
- ESIIs are DOD-wide level agreements
- 35 Software Agreements
- Period of Performance varies
- Ordering Open To varies
- Decentralized Ordering at Component level

ESI Scope

- Lower total cost of ownership across DOD, Coast Guard and Intelligence Community
- Establish and manage enterprise commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) IT agreements, assets and policies
- DOD components appoint Software Product Manager (SPM) to:
  - Consolidate requirements and develop business case
  - Negotiate best-value deals
  - Administer resulting agreements
- CHESS is the Army’s Software Project Manager (SPM)
What is a SoNA and why is it a requirement in order to purchase from a source other than CHESS?

- A SoNA is issued by CHESS as validation that an Army organization has complied with the AR 25-1 regulation to purchase all COTS IT through CHESS; however, no viable contract vehicle was available at the time of the requirement submission.
- A SoNA/ITAS Waiver package is not required for Services, such as IT support, hardware maintenance, and software maintenance as a service – unless the service is part of a server hosting solution.

Is a SoNA sufficient for purchasing outside of CHESS?

- A SoNA does not constitute approval to purchase or deviate from any Army regulation or policy. In addition to a SoNA, commands funding the purchase must request an ITAS Waiver to purchase from sources other than CHESS regardless of cost or appropriation. The ITAS Waiver tool is available at (https://www.eprobe-training.army.mil/enterprise-portal/web/itas/home).

Policy Reference: Army Waiver Process for COTS IT Procurement Outside the CHESS Program
Statement of Non-Availability (SoNA) & ITAS Waiver

**Statement of Non-Availability (SoNA)**

- Is the product available via a CHESS contract vehicle. If no, proceed to request a SoNA

- SoNAs must be created using the CHESS IT e-mart: [https://chess.army.mil](https://chess.army.mil)

- SoNA approval does not authorize use on Army network

**ITAS Waiver**

- ITAS Waiver is needed to purchase COTS IT through other sources than CHESS


- ITAS Waiver is NOT required for services*  

*Moratorium on IT Spending Exception

- How to submit a SoNA and obtain an ITAS Waiver:
  - [https://chess.army.mil/Content/Page/SONA](https://chess.army.mil/Content/Page/SONA)

- When do I need an ITAS Waiver, but not a SoNA?
  - **Answer:** If it is a datacenter related purchase you will need a ITAS Waiver, but not a SoNA*

- ITAS Waiver and SoNA FAQs:
  - [https://chess.army.mil/static/FAQ](https://chess.army.mil/static/FAQ)
Request For (RF) Tool

In order to utilize the RF Tool to submit Request for Quotes (RFQs), Request for Proposals (RFPs), Requests for Information (RFI), or to start a Reverse Auction (RA) you must be logged into the CHESS IT e-mart at [https://chess.army.mil](https://chess.army.mil)
(Once you are logged in to the CHESS IT e-mart click “RFx” on the Main Menu bar to access the RF Tool)


- **Request for Information (RFI)** – Utilize when conducting market research to request information from any of the vendors listed on any CHESS contract.

- **Reverse Auction (RA)** – Utilize when soliciting vendors to successively bid prices down against other vendors. Only available in conjunction with RFQs.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Contracting Officers have the option to negotiate proposed delivery/task order pricing
The CHESS IT e-mart Tutorial will walk you through most of the basic capabilities, functions and features of the CHESS IT e-mart for better user experience and efficiency.

The CHESS 101 Briefing is a program overview including detailed information about our Hardware, Software, and Services Contracts. Get additional information about our License Tracker for Software (LTS) Tool, RFx Process Tool, and how to submit Statements of Non-Availability!

The RF Process & Reverse Auction Tutorial will walk you through how to submit Request for Quotes (RFQs) – Hardware/Software, Request for Proposals (RFPs) – Services, Request for Information (RFI) – when one is conducting initial data gathering, and how to develop a Reverse Auction (RA) efficiently and effectively by utilizing the CHESS RFx Tool.

Contact Joanna Corcoran at joanna.m.corcoran.ctr@mail.mil to request a specialized Briefing/Training for your command!
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Multifunctional Device
MFD Contract Overview

- Seven (7) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracts
- Period of Performance: 01 NOV 2013 to 31 OCT 2016
- Open to CONUS Army requirements; or other DOD customers located on Army installations in the contiguous 48 states and Puerto Rico, including Army activities not physically located on local installations (i.e. remote sites), such as recruiting offices and ROTC units as well as the Corps of Engineers, Army National Guard and Army Reserve. (Refer to FAQs on CHESS IT e-mart)
- Program Maximum: $489 Million across all contracts for life of contracts (including all options)
- Decentralized Ordering
  - IT e-mart Request for Quote (RFQ) Tool preferred
  - Contracting Officers have the option to negotiate the proposed delivery order pricing
- No CHESS fee

MFD Contract Scope

- Purchase of MFD equipment, accessories, maintenance plans and associated consumable supplies; leasing of MFD equipment, accessories, maintenance plans and consumable supplies, to include Operating Lease and Lease-to-Own arrangements; Cost-per-Copy arrangements that include equipment, accessories, maintenance and supplies; all labor, transportation, parts, equipment and all required supplies (except paper, staples and binding tape), necessary for operation of digital MFDs. This contract includes installation, de-installation (during turn-in inspection/removing equipment), maintenance, repair and/or replacement, hard drive removal, training and diagnostic service calls to tenant units at CONUS Army installations and Army CONUS sites.