

ARMY
CHESS 
**COMPUTER HARDWARE,
ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE AND SOLUTIONS**

GPC Holder Brief



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CHES Value to the Army

CHES intent is to provide:

- CHES makes buying IT simpler and reduces the cycle time
- Army enterprise level hardware, software and services contracts at significant volume level discounts
- Assured compliance with DoD and HQDA policies on standardization and interoperability
- Experienced contractors with knowledge and resources to accelerate new technology migration efforts in accordance with Army and DoD common operating environment architecture
- Decentralized acquisition methods that can apply local contracting policies and procedures against CHES contracts

All GPC holders can utilize all CHES vehicles!

CHES Authority

Why Utilize CHES?

- Original CHES Authority form Army CIO/G-6, within AR 25-1
 - CHES is the “**primary source**” for purchases of COTS software, desktops, and notebook computers regardless of dollar value. “Primary source” requires CHES waiver to use other source(s)
- **Mandatory** for Hardware and Software within *AFARS 5139.101 (S-90) (a)*
- “...Purchasers of commercial hardware and software must satisfy their IT requirements by utilizing CHES contracts and DoD enterprise software agreements first regardless of dollar value. Any purchase made outside of CHES contracts requires a waiver.”
- CHES is the **preferred** source for IT Services if no small business capability exists, *AFARS 5139.101 (S-90) (b)*
- Waiver not required for IT services. However, if IT hardware and software are required as part of a non-CHES IT services contract, a waiver for the hardware and software is required.”

CHES Waivers

- **CHES automated waiver process located at <https://chess.army.mil>**
- Availability:
 - Products not offered on CHES contracts
 - Lower price available on non-CHES contracts
- CHES waiver does not constitute approval to purchase any product or deviate from any other Army regulation or policy
 - Examples of reasons products are not available through CHES
 - No Army Golden Master (AGM) capability (requires NETCOM waiver)
 - Not Trade Agreements Act compliant (requires KO waiver)
 - Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)
- Approval authority:
 - Individual orders: PD CHES
 - “Blanket” exception for organization/activity: Army CIO/G-6
 - Collaboration tools: Army CIO/G-6
- File Documentation for not using CHES
 - An automated e-mail will be sent to the user 1-3 days after the waiver is submitted

Use of Government Purchase Card

- **FAR 13.301**
Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card
- **DFARS 213.270**
Use of the Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card
- **AFARS 5113.270-90**
Use of the Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card



A Government Purchase Card can be used on ALL CHESS contracts

Contract Vehicle Breakdown - Hardware

ADMC-2 Hardware

- Desktops
- Notebooks
- Ruggedized Devices
- 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

ADMC-2

The scope of the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing-2 contract includes 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. Ordering is open to, Army, DoD and other Federal Agencies

ITES-2H Hardware

- RISC/EPIC Servers
- Windows Based Servers
- Workstations
- Thin Clients
- Desktop & Notebooks (as part of a solution)
- Storage Systems
- Networking Equipment
- Network Printers
- Network Cables
- Network Connectors
- Cabinets
- Video Teleconferencing Equipment (VTC)
- Power Supplies
- Related Ancillaries

ITES-2H

The scope of the Information Technology Enterprise Solutions-2 Hardware contract includes 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. Services include: system configuration and integration, physical site analysis, installation and relocation, high availability configuration and legacy equipment warranty/maintenance. Ordering is open to Army only.

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Consolidated Buy

Objective: Reduce Army costs and standardize IT enterprise

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“Up to 62% cost reduction during CB periods!”

Contract Vehicle Breakdown - Services

ITS-SB

Services

- Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)
- Information Assurance (IA)
- Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V)
- Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6)
- Engineering Services
- Migration/Integration IT Services
- Warranty and Maintenance

ITS-SB

The scope of the Information Technology Services - Small Business (ITS-SB) contract includes 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; Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT), Information Assurance (IA), Independent Verification & Validation (IV&V), Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Engineering Services, Migration / Integration IT Services, and Warranty and Maintenance. Ordering is open to, Army, DoD and other Federal Agencies.

ITES-2S

Services

- Business Process Reengineering
- Information Systems Security
- Information Assurance (IA)
- Information Technology Services
- Enterprise Design, Integration and Consolidation
- Network Support
- Systems Operation and Maintenance
- Program/Project Management
- Education/Training

ITES-2S

The scope of the Information Technology Enterprise Solutions - 2 Services (ITES-2S) contract includes 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. Ordering is open to, Army, DoD and other Federal Agencies.

Software Agreements

Software Agreements

- Contracts that are designated DoD ESI agreements and include the DoD ESI terms and conditions.

Software Agreements



- Adobe (Desktop)
- Adobe (Server)
- Adobe ELA
- Alamo City Engineering Services, Inc.
- Apple Inc.
- AutoDesk Software – DLT Solutions
- BDNA Asset Management Software
- Belmanage Asset Management Software
- BigFix Situational Awareness & Incident Response (SAIR)
- BMC Remedy Asset Management Software
- Cisco ESA
- Computer Associates Enterprise Management Software II
- Data At Rest (DAR) Encryption Software
- Gartner Inc. Enterprise Agreement
- Google ESRI Geospatial Line of Business
- IBM Software – Immix Technology, Inc.
- iGrafx ESI Enterprise Software
- Ironhawk Technologies, Inc.
- Meridio/Point One Software
- Microsoft Premier Software
- Microsoft Products and SA – Army Consolidated Agreement
- Microsoft Products and Software
- Minitab Army Consolidated Agreement
- Minitab Statistical Software
- NetIQ Product Licenses, Maintenance and Services
- Opsware Asset Management Software
- Oracle ELA
- Oracle Software, Maintenance, Support and Consulting Services
- Paradigm Solutions Corp (Disaster Recovery Planning Software)
- Planet Associates Geospatial Software Products
- Power Steering, Quality Companion and Quality Trainer
- Primavera (See Oracle)
- Quest Software
- Red Hat Linux Operating System Software
- RWD Technologies
- SAP Software
- SAP ERP Software and Maintenance
- Security Software Services
- Sybase Software, Maintenance and Consulting Services
- Symantec Veritas
- Telelogic
- Virtual Corp
- VMware
- Webfiltering
- Websense
- Windchill
- Xacta Information Assurance

CHES IT e-mart

The IT e-mart is your one stop shop for all things CHES!

- CHES Training Section
- Consolidated Buy Comparison Tool
- Contract Information, Modifications, Lists of Products
- Government Employee Purchase Program
- Microsoft Policies, Links to Orderings
- No Cost Software/Software Exchange
- Order Status
- Policy Page
- RFQ/RFP Online
- Search, Browse and Compare Capabilities
- Waiver Process

<https://chess.army.mil>



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Army's designated "primary source" for commercial IT

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Mission

Be the Army's "Primary Source" to support the War fighter's Information Dominance objectives by developing, implementing, and managing Information Technology contracts that provide enterprise-wide net centric hardware, software and support services for the Army.

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Consolidated Buy 16

Consolidated Buy 16 is now open.

FAQS

- [How Can I Request A Waiver?](#)
 - [Im Having Trouble Logging In. Where Can I Get Help?](#)
 - [Im An Army User Without An AKO Account. How Do I Register?](#)
- [View All...](#)

FAQ Sections

Ordering Process

1. Register with CHES IT e-mart at <https://chess.army.mil>
 - Click the “Register” link at the top of the CHES Homepage
 - Fill out the required fills to create a new account and then click the “Register” button to submit
 - Turnaround time to register a new user is 1 to 3 days
2. Once you have created an account you will need to login to the CHES IT e-mart
 - Click the “Login” button at the top of the CHES IT e-mart Homepage
 - Then use your account information or CAC to login
3. Select the contract vehicle needed and submit an RFP/RFQ based on your requirements
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) – Services- To access the two main services contract vehicles on the CHES IT e-mart hover your mouse over the “Services” tab in the main menu, then hover over contracts and click on either “ITES-2S” or “ITS-SB”
 - Request for Quote (RFQ) – Hardware
 - To access the two main hardware contract vehicles on the CHES IT e-mart hover your mouse over the “Hardware” tab in the main menu, then hover over contracts and click on either “ADMC-2” or “ITES-2H”
 - Consolidated Buy
 - To access information on Consolidated Buy click “Consolidated Buy” on the Main Menu bar OR click “Overview” under Consolidated Buy
4. Software
 - To access a full list of software agreements on the CHES IT e-mart click the “Software” tab in the Main Menu bar OR click “All Software Agreements” under Software in the Quick Link Section

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