

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTRACTING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES





Contracting for Professional Services is an essential tool for federal departments and agencies in delivering their programs.



To help deliver these programs and services, federal departments use the professional services of consultants such as Human Resource Consultants; Project Managers; Information Management Consultants; Procurement Specialist and other technical and professional experts.

In certain circumstances however, it may be impractical or not cost-effective to hold an open competition.

**GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS REGULATIONS (GCR) AND THE TREASURY BOARD CONTRACTING POLICY ALLOW FOR CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE PROCESS UNDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**

- 1  There's a pressing emergency
- 2  The contract amount is below a specific dollar limit
- 3  It's not in the national interest to have an open competition
- 4  The good or service is unique and can only be obtained from one source

**All Federal Government departments can contract with Portage Personnel for Non-Competitive Contracts up to \$40K**

For requirements up to \$40,000.00 (including all applicable taxes), all federal departments can contract directly with Portage Personnel as specified by the Government Contracts Regulations (GCR) and in conjunction with the Business Rules for the Non-Competitive Method of Supply (Directed Method):

<b>Contract financial limits:</b>	\$40K including applicable taxes and travel.
<b>Contract period:</b>	The contract period must not exceed 48 weeks. Contracts can be amended to extend up to a maximum of 24 consecutive weeks beyond the limit of 48 consecutive weeks under certain conditions.
<b>Evaluation Criteria:</b>	No additional mandatory criteria required beyond the minimum mandatory criteria for the SA category. Additional mandatory criteria is at the discretion of the client.
<b>Basis of Selection:</b>	Directed to Portage provided they are responsive to the Minimum Mandatory Criteria for the SA category.