SUMMARY
GSA has established a government-wide acquisition platform to support operations, maintenance, readiness, research, development, systems integration, and support for manned, unmanned, and optionally manned platforms and/or robotics based on land, air, sea, and/or space, as well as the services that support those platforms and robotics.

ASTRO POOLS AND SwRI’S CONTRACTS
ASTRO services are organized into ten functional pools, with the appropriate pool selected at the task order level based on the solicitation requirements. Southwest Research Institute® (SwRI®) is an ASTRO Prime Contractor in three of the ten pools:

Development / Systems Integration Pool
(NAICS 541330) 47QFCA22D0341
Research Pool
(NAICS 541715) 47QFCA22D0391
Support Pool
(NAICS 541990) 47QFCA22D0439

TASK ORDER CONTRACT TYPES
Task orders may include multi-year or option periods, performance-based procedures, classified and/or unclassified, and commercial and/or non-commercial items. ASTRO allows for all contract types or combination of contract types at the task order level including:

- Fixed-Price (all types),
- Cost-Reimbursement (all types),
- Time-and-Materials, and
- Labor-Hour.

ASTRO FAQs
- **Funding Ceiling**: ASTRO has no ceiling.
- **Sole Source**: Allowed, as long as one of the exceptions to fair opportunity as listed in FAR subpart 16.505(b)(2)(i)(A) through (F) applies.
- **Source Selection Procedures**: Streamlined procedures found at FAR 16.505 govern the ASTRO ordering process; FAR 15.3 source selection procedures are not applicable.

ORDERING PROCEDURE SUMMARY
The ASTRO master contract was awarded and will be administered by the ASTRO Program Office as a part of the Federal Systems Integration and Management Center (FEDSIM). Task orders may be solicited, awarded, and administered by Ordering Contracting Officers (OCOs) possessing a Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) issued by the ASTRO Program Office. Direct use of the ASTRO contracts is limited to the offices of the GSA Assisted Acquisition Services (AAS), including FEDSIM and AAS Regional Office employees possessing ASTRO DPAs.

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- Applied Power
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- Defense and Intelligence Solutions
- Fuels and Lubricants Research
- Intelligent Systems
- Mechanical Engineering
- Powertrain Engineering
- Space Science and Engineering

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