

AI TALENT 2.0

DOD CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE BLANKET ORDERING AGREEMENT

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ABOUT THE CDAO AI TALENT 2.0 BOA

As the DoD expands its AI workforce, it is crucial that it maintains qualified, experienced talent who can match industry innovations, both in speed and execution. Through the DoD Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Talent 2.0 Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA), DoD customers can rapidly procure and onboard AI/ML, analytics, and data science experts.

With a **\$249M ceiling**, the AI Talent 2.0 BOA is easy-to-use and available to DoD requirements that need industry-leading expertise with AI/ML, engineering, and analytic services. Led by domain experts and enabled by expert engineers, DoD AI cross-functional teams consist of engineers, enablers, and managers. The AI Talent 2.0 BOA is a small business multiple award IDIQ at the R&D Services NAICS code, 541715, streamlining access to robust and responsive competition with 26 awardees. **Five-year requirements must be awarded by 2028** to meet the 2033 performance expiration.

KEY SERVICE AREAS

- Administration / Operations
- Agile Development
- Applied Data Science
- Cyber Analytics
- Cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity Risk Management
- DevSecOps

- Graphics
- Integration
- Logistics
- ML Model Development
- ML Operations
- Program / Project Management
- Software Engineering

- Systems Engineering
- Systems Maintenance & Sustainment
- System Security Engineering
- Testing
- Training
- UI/UX

CUSTOMER BENEFITS

The CDAO AI Talent 2.0 BOA increases the flexibility and speed for DoD requirements necessitating AI/ML expertise. Unique DoD customer benefits include:

- 1) **Speed** is the #1 differentiator of this BOA. From draft to award, a requirement can be put on contract within 30-60 calendar days.
- 2) A Decentralized Vehicle open to all ordering activities across DoD.
- **3) No Contract Access Fee (CAF):** 100% of Government funds are applied to the mission.
- **4) True Best Value Competitions:** Custom tailor Section L (Instructions) and Section M (Evaluation Criteria).
- **5) LCAT Customization:** With 25 representative labor categories (LCATs), the BOA enables DoD to customize by adding individual LCATs, according to their needs
- **6) Unlimited Ceiling Rates:** Compete highly technical and complex requirements in an unconstrained pricing environment.
- 7) Maximizing Acquisition Resources: DoD clients may elect to run the acquisition themselves or use CDAO's dedicated contracting support via Army Contracting Command (ACC) Rock Island (RI).
- 8) Scope Flexibility: The performance work statement (PWS) is broadly written to ensure that relevant AI/ML requirements will fit within the scope. DoD clients may elect to add their own supplemental PWS.

HOW TO USE THE AI TALENT 2.0 BOA

STEP 1: Email Tradewinds contract support: success@tradewindai.com.

STEP 2: Identify support & contract FTEs using the Call Order Request Form and finalize requirements.

STEP 3: Identify evaluation team, nominate Contracting Officer Representative. Proposal request is sent to BOA holders.

STEP 4: Evaluations are completed within 1–2 days of receipt, call order is awarded, and tactical kick-off occurs.

ABOUT BARBARICUM

Barbaricum is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) based in Washington, DC with offices in Tampa, FL, Crane, IN, and Dayton, OH. Our experience includes 15+ years enabling support across 100+ government contracts. We focus on increasing end-user and warfighter capabilities by providing comprehensive solutions tailored to mission, people, and technology.

As a prime BOA awardee since 2023, Barbaricum is a mature small business capable of executing AI/ML requirements at speed, substantiated by our current efforts with DoD, USSOCOM, USSTRATCOM, US Army, US Navy, and US Air Force.

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