Find government plumbing work worth researching

Start with your services and capacity

List the work your crew actually delivers: for example drain repair, pipe lining, water-heater replacement or another defined service. Add service ZIPs, travel radius, crew/equipment availability and constraints. These facts guide research; they do not certify eligibility or promise an award.

Connect the assistant you use

Choose the current guide for your assistant

Current accepted guides use ChatGPT website Plugins, Codex desktop Plugins followed by authentication, or the separate Claude connection guide. Follow your actual surface; interfaces and permissions can change. A guide is not a claim that every assistant is already connected for you.

Ask Qualified Bid three useful questions

Who buys near me?

For my plumbing services [services], service ZIPs [ZIPs], practical radius [radius] and crew capacity [capacity], show relevant historical buyers. Separate facility, purchasing office and reported location. Give source dates, actual service descriptions and what you could not verify.

What size work could I pursue?

For the same services and service area, show relevant full-award funding and potential including options, recorded performance periods and value basis. Separate net obligations, transaction adjustments, exercised value and full potential. Do not turn a multi-year award into an invented annual price. Explain overlap and exclusions; do not invent an unverified median or size distribution.

What may be coming next?

Find current notices and dated forecasts relevant to these services. Separate open notices from historical awards and planning forecasts. Show source dates, current deadlines and amendments when verified, vehicle/access conditions and anything unread or unverified. Do not treat an elapsed case deadline or a no-open-match lookup as proof of closure or award.

Turn buying history into a delivery question

Historical funding: FY2020-FY2026, 1 Oct 2019-30 Sep 2026; checked 10 Oct 2026. FY2026 is provisional; Department of Defense / US Army Corps of Engineers reporting may lag 90 days.

Industry code 238220 covers plumbing, heating and air-conditioning contractors. This is shared mechanical-services history, not a plumbing-only census. Do not add these totals to the heating/air-conditioning lesson. Funding is net obligations after reductions, not cash paid or a price to quote.

Narrow the geography

For [reported city or five-character ZIP], identify the facility, buying office and actual purchased plumbing service. Verify the performance address, multi-site scope, travel, site access and service fit. Keep leading zeros in ZIP codes and deduplicate award identities across overlapping service areas.

Inspect the actual purchased service

An industry code is a starting point. Distinguish cleaning/inspection, lining, replacement, construction, controls or adjacent work. Check existing materials, dimensions, access, preparation, cure requirements, testing, waste removal and the controlling scope. The dated Susquehanna lining case is industry code 811310/product or service code K047, outside shared 238220 totals.

Use the materials at the decision point

Use Market Insights to understand the historical measures. Use the worksheet to put a requirement next to your evidence and unresolved questions. Trace the dated worked case and evidence matrix to document pages before adapting the approach to a current requirement. Copy the prompts and consult Key Terms when unfamiliar language appears.

Keep the next move with the business

Pursue when eligibility, capability, schedule and economics fit. A team requires a verified specialist and agreed responsibilities/terms; a research lead is not a commitment. Watch while a material question remains unresolved, or skip when the work does not fit. Verify current notice documents and amendments before committing crew time, price or a submission.

Connect and continue

Current Claude, ChatGPT and Codex setup guides

Use Qualified Bid in your connected assistant. Bring questions, findings and wider business conversations to the Qualified Bid space in The Assembly. Open The Assembly through the Qualified Capacity app on iOS or Android, or on desktop below.

The Assembly on desktop

QR codes open the connection guides (left) and The Assembly desktop (right).