

Craig P. Abod is president and founder of Carahsoft Technology Corp., a Reston, Virginia-based firm that has become one of the nation's most respected and fastest growing Government-focused IT solutions providers. In founding Carahsoft, Abod combined his entrepreneurial spirit and 25+ years of experience in government sales, marketing and contract management to create a new company that has redefined the way technology is marketed and sold to the public sector market.

In just 15 years, Abod has grown the company from \$0 to more than \$6.5 billion in bookings by providing federal, state, and local governments and academic institutions with IT solutions that best fit their needs and budgets. As a top-ranked GSA schedule and SEWP contract holder, Carahsoft now employs more than 1,500 people.

The company has established strategic, long-term relationships with the industry's leading software manufacturers including Microsoft, VMware, Adobe, Micro Focus Government Solutions, Dell EMC, Google Cloud, McAfee, ServiceNow, Veritas, Symantec, Amazon Web Services, Palo Alto Networks, F5 Networks, SAP, and Splunk, among others, and supports an ecosystem of thousands of value-added resellers, system integrators and consulting partners.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Abod has received the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Greater Washington Region and The Federal 100 Award. Carahsoft is also consistently recognized as the top performing partner for many of its vendor partners, and is listed among the top government contractors and industry's fastest growing and largest firms by CRN, Inc., Forbes, Washington Technology, The Washington Post, and the Washington Business Journal.