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From the MAS PMO

Warm weather is finally here and GSA is ready for a busy spring!

As you might imagine, the recently-announced MAS Consolidation effort is our team's primary focus. Consolidating to a single Schedule from 24 separate Schedules will make it easier and more efficient for everyone to do business with federal, state, and local governments.

If you would like to provide feedback, or topics for future *MAS Newsletters*, please send your suggestions to maspmo@gsa.gov. Enjoy the sunny weather and this issue of the *MAS Newsletter*!

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MAS in the News: New MAS General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) Case Approved

Big news! A [final General Services Acquisition Regulation \(GSAR\) rule](#) streamlining Schedule clauses and provisions has been published and will be effective **May 23, 2019**.

This final rule has been years in the making and will bring additional transparency, efficiency, and clarity to the GSA Schedules Program.

What these changes mean:

- More than 80 obsolete/duplicative clauses and provisions will be deleted.
- 30 “new” clauses and provisions will be incorporated into the GSAR. These are previously “internal to FAS”/ Schedules-specific clauses and provisions that start with CP, G-FSS, H-FSS, and I-FSS.
- In addition to the 30 new clauses, four Schedules program clauses and provisions (that were previously removed from the GSAR as part of a prior GSAM rewrite) have been incorporated into the GSAR and 10 existing Schedules program clauses and provisions have been updated to reflect current references and practices.

These changes will be incorporated into GSA’s new consolidated Schedule solicitation. We will be providing additional information on clause and provision changes for the new consolidated Schedule solicitation in the upcoming months.

UPDATES TO CURRENT MAS PROGRAMS

MAS Consolidation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Are Now Available

QUICK LINKS
[Download](#) the FAQs

MAS Consolidation is one of the four cornerstones of the Federal Marketplace (FMP) Strategy, GSA’s plan to modernize and simplify the buying and selling experience for customers, suppliers, and acquisition professionals. The FMP supports GSA’s strategic goal to establish the agency as the premier provider of efficient and effective acquisition solutions across the government.

Reforming our Schedules will improve customer service, make it easier for small businesses to access the schedules program, and reduce duplication for all our vendors. We also believe it will empower the **FAS workforce** to spend more time performing the highest value activities and focus on delivering solutions.

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Partnering with customers and industry is a key component of the Schedules consolidation. Over the last year, GSA solicited feedback from customer agencies and industry partners. That information, gathered through events, meetings, and surveys, informed our recently-published Consolidation FAQs.

Your Step-By-Step Guide For A Smooth FAS Sales Reporting Transition

QUICK LINKS
Visit the [FAS SRP](#) website

Visit our [Interact page](#)

The 72A Reporting System will soon be sunsetted as we complete transitioning all users to the FAS Sales Reporting Portal (SRP). Our team has put together guidance for all industry partners with contracts still in that system.

Effective July 2019, contractors will report sales and remit any owed Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) in the new FAS SRP. This is a reporting system transition only - there are no changes to the terms and conditions of your contract. Please note that contracts with active claims will not be transitioned out of 72A at this time.

There are three steps to this transition. Each step in the process directly impacts when and where contractors reports sales over the next two reporting periods, in addition to the migration of historical sales data. Please visit our [Interact page](#) for more information about the transition.

Please direct any questions about the sunseting of 72A and the SRP transition to the TDR Team: FASSRP@gsa.gov.

72A Sales Adjustments and Contract Closeout Sales Reporting

Effective **April 1, 2019**, GSA has disabled the sales adjustment and closeout sales functionality in the 72A Sales Reporting System.

This change was required so GSA can migrate the historical data contained in the 72A Sales Reporting System into the FAS Sales Reporting Portal (SRP). Please be advised that all sales adjustments and closeout actions must wait until the historical data is migrated and available in the FAS SRP. We estimate this will be complete by late July 2019.

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We will continue to communicate during the data migration process and will advise when sales adjustments and closeouts can resume in FAS SRP.

Please send any questions to FASSRP@gsa.gov. Thank you for your patience during this migration and transition period.

Digital Certification Requirements and Multiple Award Schedules Contracts

As we all know, protecting federal cybersecurity is of the utmost importance. All MAS contract holders are currently required to have a valid digital certificate to access the eOffer/eMod application and FAS Sales Reporting Portal (SRP). This digital certificate lets both systems to authenticate your identity, allowing you to electronically sign contractual documents or submit MAS contract sale reports.

On **May 1, 2019**, the FAS SRP application removed this digital certification requirement and moved to a two-step authentication process.

This change aligns with GSA's overall IT modernization efforts to build and maintain a more modern and secure infrastructure for its IT systems.

Please note that this change does not remove or impact the digital certification requirement for the eOffer/eMod application. Contractors must maintain an active digital certificate to keep their contract(s) current in the eOffer/eMod system.

Helpful MAS Resources

GSA and Multiple Award Schedules:

GSA Schedules: <https://www.gsa.gov/gsa-schedules>

Schedules News and Training: www.gsa.gov/masnews

Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS): <https://www.esrs.gov/>

MAS on GSA Interact: <https://interact.gsa.gov/groups/multiple-award-schedules>

MAS Desk Reference: www.gsa.gov/mas-desk-reference

GSA's Blog: www.gsa.gov/blog

GSA's Vendor Support Center: vsc.gsa.gov

GSA Small Business Assistance: www.gsa.gov/acquisition/small-business

Finding Your IOA and ACO: https://vsc.gsa.gov/tools/aco_ioa.cfm

GSA's Office of the Procurement Ombudsman: gsa.gov/ombudsman

Preparing and Submitting a MAS Offer:

Roadmap to Preparing a MAS Offer: www.gsa.gov/acquisition/purchasing-programs/gsa-schedules/industry-partners/guide

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (Free Assistance): <http://www.aptac-us.org/contracting-assistance/>

GSA's Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU): <https://www.gsa.gov/acquisition/small-business>

Marketing:

eLibrary - Contract Award Information: www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov

eBuy - Electronic Request for Quote (RFQ) / Request for Proposal (RFP) System: www.ebuy.gsa.gov

Schedules Sales Query+ (SSQ+): <https://ssq.gsa.gov>

FedBizOpps: www.fbo.gov

Small Business Forecasting Tool: <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/#/x/forecast-of-contracting-opportunities>

GSA Advantage! - Online Shopping: www.gsaadvantage.gov

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