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From the MAS PMO

Happy Fall!

No matter what time of year, the Multiple Award Schedule Program Management Office (MAS PMO) is committed to being your trusted resource and partner.

As part of GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), we have spent months supporting our government's COVID-19 response efforts. For over a year, GSA has been instrumental in helping civilian agencies and the military secure life-saving equipment and services across the country and overseas.

At the same time, we've also been advancing FAS priorities including our [Federal Marketplace \(FMP\) Strategy](#), GSA's initiative aimed at making it easier to do business with the government. MAS Consolidation, our effort to integrate multiple awards schedules into a single solicitation, is one of the four cornerstones of the FMP project. Check out our [FMP Fall 2021](#) release to get the latest news.

This issue of our newsletter is a summary of key program updates from the last quarter. **To stay informed in real time, make sure you're subscribed to the [MAS Interact group](#) and get news sent straight to your inbox!**

Stay safe, stay well, and if you would like to provide feedback or topics for future MAS newsletters, please send your suggestions to maspmo@gsa.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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What's New

Executive Order 14042: Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors

GSA appreciates the hard work and dedication of our contractors, especially during such an extraordinary time. As we've said many times since the pandemic began, the health and safety of GSA employees, contractors, and their families are our top priorities. In order to ensure the health and safety of the federal workforce and contractor community, the President signed [Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors](#).

The requirements in this Executive Order (EO) have been implemented across all government contracts via a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) deviation. The clause in the FAR deviation were incorporated into GSA contracts via a bilateral modification.

GSA issued the [Schedule refresh and mass modification](#) to incorporate this change on October 8, 2021 and contractors had until November 14, 2021 to accept.

For additional information and updates, please visit the [GSA COVID-19 website](#). If you have questions about how the EO affects your contract, please email opcpolicymailbox@gsa.gov.

Retiring the Vendor Education Center

After a year-long assessment, we've decided to retire the outdated Vendor Education Center (VEC) and update our training! VEC will be retired in December of this year - at that time, we'll move our training to the [gsa.gov MAS Roadmap](#), making it accessible from the new Vendor Support Center. Once this takes place, new contractors will no longer have to keep a VEC login or navigate old technology. [Subscribe](#) to the MAS Interact group to stay informed on this FY22 project!

Catalog Management Updates

GSA Awards Contract for Common Catalog Platform (CCP)

GSA's Catalog Management Office (CMO) is thrilled to [announce](#) that an award was made to CGI Federal to develop the new Common Catalog Platform (CCP). The CCP will replace the antiquated desktop-based Schedule Input Program (SIP) with a modern, Application Programming Interface (API)-accessible, web-based application for managing catalog data. The CCP will interact with contracting systems to streamline the offer and modification process, and reduce the administrative burden associated with working in disjointed systems. The CCP will also introduce new functionalities that make it easier to manage catalogs, and ultimately improve the quality of data collected for GSA Advantage!

The CMO is grateful to all of the members of the MAS community who contributed to the CCP requirements through focus groups and surveys over the last year, and we will continue to engage users as we design and develop the platform. Our goal is to pilot the CCP by next fiscal year, and will share more details as available. For regular updates, join the [Catalog Management Interact Page](#).

Questions? Email us at CatalogManagement@gsa.gov.

Catalog Data Quality

GSA recently began collecting Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) product specifications and supplier authorization information directly from manufacturers and wholesalers via the new Verified Products Portal (VPP). We're now supplementing [contractor catalogs on GSA Advantage!](#) with VPP descriptions and images, ensuring customers see consistent information for COTS items whenever available.

The VPP also enables GSA to enforce product prohibition rules and [automate the Letter of Supply \(LoS\) requirement](#) for participating manufacturers and their authorized resellers. This helps protect against supply chain risks and improve customers' ability to purchase with confidence, while reducing the administrative burden associated with managing individual LoS.

Long term, we intend to provide this content to contractors through the CCP to make it easier to report product specifications and improve the consistency of information for customers. Manufacturers and wholesalers who are looking to improve the representation of their items in the federal marketplace should visit gsa.gov/VPP to get started.

2022 FAST Conference & Monthly Training Series

GSA's Federal Acquisition Service Training (FAST) 2022 Virtual Monthly Conference Series is back! The theme for this year's series is Insights for Impact, leveraging category and acquisition expert insights and data driven strategies to increase federal agencies' mission capabilities. Our monthly sessions will focus on improving requirements development; and are targeting agency program managers, contracting professionals and you, our industry partners.

In addition to our monthly series, GSA's three-day marquee conference FAST2022 is scheduled for June 21 - 23, 2022. The theme is: Data to Insights, Insights to Action, and Action to Impact. We are in the early stages of building our program and welcome your ideas on topics you would like to see covered. Please send your ideas to fast.event@gsa.gov.

[Register here](#) to receive updates on the Monthly Series and FAST2022 (and please share the link with your colleagues).

Updates to Current MAS Programs

MAS Consolidation Phase 3

Have more than one MAS contract under the same DUNS number or Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)? There may be actions your company needs to take during Phase 3 of MAS Consolidation to move all your offerings to one surviving MAS contract.

All consolidation actions should be made in coordination with your GSA Contracting Officer and in accordance with your agreed upon [Phase 3 Consolidation Checklist and Plan](#).

The deadline to submit your consolidation plan has been extended to December 31, 2021.

These consolidation plans are the first step in determining your surviving contract and start the process of getting to one contract per UEI. **No Phase 3 modifications will be approved without a completed and approved plan.**

The MAS PMO has posted all Phase 3 supplier resources on the [Vendor Support Center](#), including our [MAS Consolidation Phase 3 Guide for](#)

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[MAS Consolidation Phase 3 Contractor Checklist and Plan](#)
(*required)

[MAS Consolidation Phase 3 Guide for Industry](#)

[MAS Consolidation Phase 3 Overview & FAQs for Industry](#)

[Phase 3 Recorded Training for Impacted Contractors - August 2020](#)

[Industry](#). This new resource takes you through all the critical consolidation steps.

Note: If your company only manages two contracts and you fall under one of the following scenarios, Phase 3 DOES NOT apply to you:

- One contract has a small business set-aside (SBSA) Special Item Numbers (SINs),
- One contract is a follow-on contract with the same SIN(s).

Please submit your [Phase 3 Consolidation Checklist and Plan](#) to your Contracting Officer(s) (CO) as soon as possible to get the process started.

Questions?

Email us anytime at maspmo@gsa.gov or connect directly with your CO(s).

MAS Office Hours

The MAS PMO hosts regular monthly office hours specifically for our industry partners. These webinars cover different topics each month and are your chance to get answers directly from MAS experts!

Our next session is on Thursday, Dec. 16th and will cover MAS Consolidation Phase 3.

Register for the series [here](#).

To see all previous recordings, visit the [MAS playlist on YouTube](#).

Vendor Support Center (VSC) Update Project

Thanks to all industry stakeholders who participated in user testing. Your feedback and comments have been incorporated into the new site as applicable.

Expect to see our new and improved Vendor Support Center in the next few months. Stay tuned by subscribing to the [MAS Interact group](#)!

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Helpful MAS Resources

GSA and Multiple Award Schedule:

GSA Schedule: <https://www.gsa.gov/gsa-schedule>

Schedule Customer Training: www.gsa.gov/events

Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS): esrs.gov

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

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:

Contract Opportunities: <https://beta.SAM.gov/>

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>

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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