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## From the MAS PMO

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter during what we know is a stressful and uncertain time, both professionally and personally. As you know, the MAS PMO is committed to being your trusted resource and partner.

For months, we have been deeply involved with the rest of the Federal Acquisition Service and GSA in supporting our government's COVID-19 response efforts. GSA has been instrumental in helping agencies and our military secure life-saving equipment and services across the country and overseas. At the same time, we've been advancing priorities like our Federal Marketplace (FMP) Strategy, our initiative making it easier to do business with the government. MAS Consolidation is one of the four cornerstones of that project. We've just issued our fifth FMP update or [release](#) - watch our video and read the project updates for the latest news.

As you are probably aware, we recently completed the second phase of our three part MAS Consolidation initiative. This issue is full of updates on our key milestones. **Make sure you're subscribed to the [MAS Interact group](#) to stay informed on all things MAS!**

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](mailto:maspmo@gsa.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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## What's New

MAS Wrapped up Phase 2 on July 31

# MAS Consolidation



Phase One

**Develop the New Schedule**

- ✓ Create a new solicitation for the single schedule
- ✓ Review every term and condition
- ✓ Map duplicate Special Item Numbers (SIN) across the current solicitations
- ✓ Use Category Management to better organize offerings
- ✓ Release new schedule and close existing schedules to new offers

Phase Two

**Mass Modifications**

- ✓ Complete mass modification for all existing contract holders (simply to update terms and conditions)
- ✓ Contracts retain current schedule contract number
- ✓ Vendors may select SINs that were previously on separate schedules

Phase Three

**Multiple Contract Consolidation**

- Consolidate multiple contracts into a single contract for those affected contractors

Thank you to our industry partners! Phase 2 of MAS Consolidation officially closed on July 31, 2020 with 99% of contractors having signed the Mass Modification (Mass Mod) A812 by the deadline. Phase 2 required all current contractors to sign this Mass Mod in order to update their contracts to conform with the terms and conditions of the new consolidated MAS solicitation released on Oct.1, 2019. With this complete, the spotlight shifts to contractors with multiple GSA contracts. They are required to accept the Mass Mod for every contract held prior to the start of Phase 3 - failure to do so will result in all contract information being removed from eLibrary and the ability to respond to any new opportunities in eBuy being suspended.

**Please note:** If you didn't sign the Mass Mod by the July 31 deadline, your contract information has been removed from eLibrary and your ability to respond to any new opportunities in eBuy has been suspended.

You can still go to the [Mass Mod Portal](#) to sign the Mass Mod. Once completed, your offerings will repopulate in eTools. See the article on the new multi-factor authentication requirement below for additional information.

Non-acceptance of this Mass Mod does not automatically cancel your contract. If you wish to cancel your MAS contract, you must reach out to your Contracting Officer (CO) to request cancellation.

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## MAS Consolidation Phase 3 Began Aug. 1

GSA [began Phase 3](#) of MAS Consolidation on Aug. 1, 2020. This phase requires all current contractors with more than one contract to consolidate their offerings down to one contract per unique entity identifier (UEI), e.g. Data Universal Numbers System (DUNS) number. GSA will be working hand in hand with affected contractors to put together their consolidation plans in FY2021. We expect Phase 3 to take 5-10 years to reach full completion.

GSA designed Phase 3 to ensure there are no changes to contract numbers and that no contracts with active Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) will be canceled. If you are part of Phase 3, it's critical to review the [Phase 3 overview & frequently asked question \(FAQ\) document](#) and [contractor checklist & planning spreadsheet](#). Phase 3 contractors must use this spreadsheet to outline the elements of their various contracts and plan for consolidation.

### Systems Updates

As of Aug. 1, 2020, GSA eTools does not show the information of contractors that have not signed the Mass Mod. This *does* not mean these contracts have been canceled, rather their information is hidden from view until they sign the Mass Mod. Additionally, the 24 legacy Schedules are no longer visible in eLibrary, eBuy, or on [GSA.gov](#) as we have officially moved to the new single Multiple Award Schedule.

To see all changes in eBuy as of Aug. 1, 2020, please [visit this resource](#).

### August Live Training Opportunity

Have more than one contract? Have questions about Phase 3? Join the MAS PMO subject matter experts at our next for live training opportunity and get your questions answered.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26th (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT):** [Register here](#) (select NON-GSA User if from industry)

Can't make it? This training will be recorded and posted on the [MAS Interact](#) page as soon as it is available. [Subscribe](#) to the MAS group to make sure you never miss an update.

## National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Section 88g is Here

The [FAR Rule](#) implementing Section 88g of the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) has been published. This legislation was passed to combat national security and intellectual property threats facing the United States. The rule contains two prohibitions: Part A and Part B.

MAS Refresh #4 Mass Mod, initiated on Aug. 14, 2020, implements Section 88g Part B of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by incorporating FAR clause 52.204-25. Contractors have **90 days** to accept this Mass Mod.

GSA is working on implementation guidance and instructions, both of which will be communicated once complete. GSA hosted two industry events in July and early August to provide interim guidance and answer questions.

**Orders may not be placed under the contract until the contract is modified to incorporate FAR clause 52.204-25.**

Read the significant changes and FAQs [here](#).

## Updates to Current MAS Programs Multi-Factor Authentication Replaces Digital Certification and PIN Requirements for Signing Mass Mods

As of **Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020**, the Mass Mod portal moved to a two-step, multi-factor authentication (MFA) process, eliminating the digital certification requirement. This change aligns with GSA's overall IT modernization efforts to build and maintain a more modern and secure infrastructure for its IT systems. The move to MFA only impacts the Mass Mod portal. It does not remove or impact the digital certification requirement for the eOffer/eMod application overall. Please see the MFA user guide linked [here](#).

**Important:** You need the MFA capability to sign the MAS Refresh #4 Mass Mod sent Aug. 14, 2020, which implements Section 88g Part B of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by incorporating FAR clause 52.204-25.

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### QUICK LINKS

[Read the Interact post and user guide](#)

Only authorized negotiators listed on the contract will be able to sign Mass Mods on behalf of a company. This means contractors must have the most current authorized negotiators listed on their contract in order to utilize the new MFA process. Contractors needing to update the authorized negotiator(s) on their contract must submit an administrative eMod.

This authorized negotiator information can be verified by contacting the IOA or ACO assigned to a contractor's contract. Industry partners can locate their representative here.

If you have any questions related to the process, or how to register, please reach out to the helpdesk at (866) 472-9114.

#### QUICK LINKS

Access the [SIP/EDI instructions](#)  
and [Price List guidance](#)

### Update your GSA Advantage Catalog by Oct. 31

Contractors are **required** to submit (via SIP or EDI) an updated Advantage catalog with the new Schedule number (MAS) and new SIN numbers(s) and update their GSA Price List by **Oct. 31, 2020**.

Contractors must sign the MAS Consolidation Mass Mod A812 before updating these items.

## Helpful MAS Resources

### GSA and Multiple Award Schedules:

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

Schedules Customer Training: [www.gsa.gov/masnews](http://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](http://www.gsa.gov/mas-desk-reference)

GSA's Blog: [www.gsa.gov/blog](http://www.gsa.gov/blog)

GSA's Vendor Support Center: [vsc.gsa.gov](http://vsc.gsa.gov)

GSA Small Business Assistance: [www.gsa.gov/acquisition/small-business](http://www.gsa.gov/acquisition/small-business)

Finding Your IOA and ACO: [https://vsc.gsa.gov/tools/aco\\_ioa\\_cfm](https://vsc.gsa.gov/tools/aco_ioa_cfm)

GSA's Office of the Procurement Ombudsman: [gsa.gov/ombudsman](http://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](http://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](http://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov)

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

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