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From the MAS PMO

Happy Summer!

As you know, 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 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 Summer 2021](#) release to get the latest news.

This issue of our newsletter is a summary of key updates. **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

eBuy Turns 20

In June, GSA celebrated the 20th anniversary of eBuy, the agency's comprehensive and paperless request-for-quote (RFQ) system. eBuy lets verified suppliers efficiently connect and participate in the contracting process, allowing them to easily offer a wide variety of products and services.

"In 2001, this online program revolutionized how government connected buyers and sellers for contracting quotes," said eBuy's Senior Program Analyst Rich Carlson. "eBuy streamlined the process, allowing more suppliers, especially small businesses, to participate and connect in ways that they couldn't before."

Read the full eBuy anniversary blog post [here](#).

Transactional Data Reporting

GSA's Office of the Inspector General (IG) released their TDR audit on June 24th, 2021. FAS leadership will use the findings in "GSA's Transactional Data Reporting Pilot Is Not Used to Affect Pricing Decisions" and the [Evaluation](#) completed by the GSA Senior Procurement Executive to create a decision paper addressing TDR expansion options.

Summer Supplier Training

GSA's Customer Accounts & Stakeholder Engagement (CASE) Office is hosting a monthly mini [Federal Acquisition Service Training \(FAST\) series](#) on core topics of interest to our industry partners. Below are the summer sessions - join us!

Date	Session Topic
Thursday, July 15, 2021	Think Cloud. Think GSA. Register Now
Wednesday, July 21, 2021	Security & Protection: Guard Services, Physical Access Control Systems and More! Register Now
Wednesday, August 18, 2021	Facilities Maintenance Registration coming soon to gsa.gov/fast

The MAS PMO has also created short training videos to help suppliers with the process of applying for a contract. We have two new short training videos available now on GSA's YouTube channel: [DUNS Tutorial](#) and [Marketing Your MAS Contract](#). Check them out and let us know what you think!

Catalog Management Updates

New Verified Products Portal & Impacts to Letter of Supply

GSA recently launched the Verified Products Portal (VPP), a manufacturer and wholesaler-facing portal for authoritative product content and supplier authorization information for Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) products. As of May 17, 2021, VPP data includes supplier authorization status information that will be used by the MAS workforce to evaluate products on offers, modifications, or contract options.

If you offer products that come from a manufacturer participating in the VPP, you no longer need to submit a Letter of Supply for those products. For more information, including a link to the VPP Participant Dashboard and a Q&A on implementation, visit the [Implementation of Verified Products Portal & Impacts to Letter of Supply Interact Post](#).

Reminder: Country of Origin is required for every product.

Country of Origin (COO) is required for every catalog product in order to determine Trade Agreements Act (TAA) compliance. COO is a required field on the Price Proposal Template (PPT) and failure to provide a valid [ISO-alpha-2 code](#) will result in an offer or modification being rejected by GSA systems. For more information on TAA compliance, please visit the [Vendor Support Center](#).

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 contractor [Phase 3 Consolidation Checklist and Plan](#).

Consolidation plans are due no later than September 30, 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.**

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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](#)

The MAS PMO has posted all Phase 3 supplier resources on the [Vendor Support Center](#), including our [MAS Consolidation Phase 3 Guide for Industry](#). This new resource takes you through all the critical steps.

Note: If your company only manages 2 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 keep in mind that buying season is coming - don't wait until the last minute to submit your consolidation plan. Ultimately, the timing and process of the contract consolidation will be decided between you and your CO. We encourage you to start consolidation when you're ready.

Remember, prior to moving contracts to a single Procurement Contracting Officer (PCO) to begin consolidation, the PCO will check the contract file. Please respond promptly to any requests for information as your PCO is preparing the file for transfer. Contracts will only be moved after all transfer requirements are met and documented by the PCO. A number of contracts have already been transferred and many are currently in process. If you need to start consolidating your contracts before your contracts are transferred, please make sure all of your PCOs are aware of your plans. We appreciate your patience.

Questions?

Email us anytime at maspmo@gsa.gov or connect directly with your contracting officer.

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 office hours for industry is July 15th: Delivery - What to do & how to do it. Register for the series [here](#).

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

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[Register for MAS Office Hours](#)

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Visit the [Interact](#) post & watch the [video](#)

Verified Products Portal (VPP)

The **VPP Industry Forum** for MAS contractors and manufacturers was held June 9th, 2021. For those of you who missed it, the presentation is posted to [Interact](#) and the video is available [here](#).

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Vendor Support Center (VSC) Update Project

Thanks to all industry stakeholders who responded to our RFI on the [Vendor Support Center](#). Your feedback is critical to this project. To review the findings, please read the Interact post [here](#).

Based on a thorough review of the comments and other sources of feedback, several exciting changes are underway!

Expect the first phase of our new and improved Vendor Support Center to launch in the next few months. Stay tuned by subscribing to the [MAS Interact group](#) and signing up for MAS Office Hours!

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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