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From the MAS PMO

Happy New Year!

The primary focus of our team continues to be the remaining phases of MAS Consolidation. 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.

Current contractors can expect to receive lots of helpful information and engagement opportunities during Phase Two: Mass Modifications for Current Contractors, which begins in January 2020 and ends July 31, 2020. **Make sure you're subscribed to the [MAS Interact group](#) to stay informed on consolidation!**

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

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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 contractors

Current contractors will start receiving mass modifications for each contract on Jan. 31, 2020. Read our [advance notice on Interact](#) to find out how to prepare for the mass mod and subscribe to our MAS Interact group to get all the important updates! We will be announcing the official mass mod release on Interact along with several supporting documents:

- Phase II Frequently Asked Questions
- Mass Modification Instructions
- Mass Mod Release Schedule
- Available Offerings Attachment

NOTE: If you currently have a Schedule, you do NOT need a new one. New offerors can use our new consolidated Schedule solicitation on beta.sam.gov.

MAS Modification Guidance

We are aware that current contractors have questions about the MAS Consolidation Mass Modification that will move them onto the new MAS vehicle. To ease your transition, we have undertaken a full review of all current guidance used across our seven MAS Acquisition Centers and created a new MAS Modification Guidance that clearly outlines the process and how to complete it.

The MAS PMO posted the [MAS Modification Guidance Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) on Interact. The comment period closed January 17, 2020. Feedback will be reviewed and incorporated into the final Modification Guidance.

Event Spotlight: Join Us at FAST 2020!



Have you heard? GSA's Federal Acquisition Service Training Conference is taking place April 14-16, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia! This training event will bring government and industry experts from across the nation together to discuss how we can advance federal acquisition.

Industry partners will be able to directly engage with federal contracting officers, learn about the latest government e-tools and processes from the experts, and showcase their company offerings live on the show floor.

Participants will have over 100 courses to choose from. Courses hosted by the MAS PMO include:

- *The Multiple Award Schedule Consolidation Updates*
- *Utilizing MAS with Order Level Materials*
- *MAS Systems*
- *MAS vs Open Market - Streamlining Acquisition through MAS for Industry Partners*

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- *Thinking About Pursuing a GSA Contract? Here's What You Need to Know*
- *MAS Contract Compliance*
- *Leverage Your GSA Schedule Contract for State & Local Government Sales*
- *MAS Flexibilities: What They Are and How to Use Them*
- *One Solicitation: The Next Steps Impacting Professional Services Offerings*

The MAS Consolidation team will also be available at our booth for questions and conversations.

Learn more & register [here](#). We hope to see you there!

Updates to Current MAS Programs

Open Ratings Retires Past Performance Evaluations

QUICK LINKS
Read our [Interact post](#) about
Open Ratings

Please be aware that Open Ratings stopped accepting new orders for Past Performance Evaluations as of Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. This means MAS offerors must demonstrate a pattern of past performance by using one of the other methods outlined by the solicitation:

1. Verifying in eOffer they have three (3) or more CPARS assessment reports that meet the solicitation criteria outlined in SCP-FSS-001 (j)(2)(ii)(A), or
2. Submitting a past performance narrative and list of customer references as outlined in SCP-FSS-001 (j)(2)(ii)(C) when the offeror does not have CPARS assessments that satisfies the solicitation criteria outlined in SCP-FSS-001 (j)(2)(ii)(A). GSA will contact each customer reference and request they complete a past performance questionnaire. A copy of the questionnaire is attached to this notice for informational purposes only. Offerors should not upload completed past performance questionnaires with their MAS offer.

As noted above, an offeror's demonstration of past performance is limited ONLY to the methods outlined in the solicitation. GSA WILL NOT accept other Dun & Bradstreet reports in place of the Past Performance Evaluation prepared by Open Ratings.

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Offerors that ordered an Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation on or before Dec. 6, 2019 may use SCP-FSS-001 (j)(2)(ii)(B) to demonstrate a pattern of Past Performance IF the Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation uploaded to the offer is dated within one (1) year of offer submission and the offeror does not have CPARS assessments that satisfy the solicitation criteria outlined in SCP-FSS-001 (j)(2)(ii)(A).

MAS Winter Desk Reference Guide Now Available

QUICK LINKS

Access the Guide [here](#)

The updated GSA Winter 2019 Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Desk Reference Guide offers information on GSA's long-term, government-wide contracts that provide easy access to more than 25 million commercial products and services. Hard copies are available for order.

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

Feedback

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