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As always, the Multiple Award Schedule Program Management Office (MAS PMO) is committed to being your trusted resource and partner. This newsletter summarizes key program updates from April – June 2022.

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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

MAS Program Working to Address Inflationary Impacts

The MAS Program is closely monitoring inflation rates and assessing the impact on the availability and price of the products and services our customers need.

We are working with our suppliers to address inflationary conditions by adding multiple flexibilities through the Economic Price Adjustments (EPAs) clause.

For information related to flexibilities in pricing increases, and detailed information on EPA clause temporary modifications, please refer to this [Acquisition Letter](#). Questions or comments may be posted in the “Comment” section on our [Interact post](#).

For information about the MAS program and ordering procedures please visit the [GSA Schedule Buyers page](#).

Startup Springboard

Over the years, we've heard from industry partners that unique government practices such as the two-year corporate experience requirement for becoming a schedule contractor can be a barrier for small businesses, and particularly challenging for startups. The Startup Springboard, previously only for IT-related offerings, is expanding to all MAS large categories. Now, the MAS solicitation and eOffer allows potential offerors that do not meet the solicitation requirement of having two years of corporate experience or financial statements, as outlined in the MAS solicitation provision, SCP-FSS-001, Instructions Applicable to All Offerors, to submit an offer for a MAS contract.

Expanding Startup Springboard makes it possible for companies across all MAS categories to be included in the Startup Springboard program and deliver their products and services into the hands of federal, state, and local agencies faster than ever before.

Learn more about [Startup Springboard on the GSA website](#).

Removing Refurbished/Remanufactured Products

Refresh 10, issued on March 30, 2022, added the below language to [SCP-FSS-001, Instructions Applicable to All Offerors \(Mar 2022\)](#), to address the allowability of remanufactured items under specific MAS SINS:

- Refurbished, reconditioned and repaired items are not within scope of the MAS Solicitation;
- Remanufactured items are only allowable under specific MAS SINS and are designated as such by their Special Item Number (SIN) description. The remanufactured items must be identified per clause [552.238-78](#) and meet the prescribed definition of “factory rebuilt to original specifications.”

FAS intends to regularly search for refurbished, reconditioned, repaired and unauthorized remanufactured items and remove them from GSA Advantage! and the MAS contract.

FAS to Keep Pricing on MAS Service Contracts

Over the past year, an FAS integrated project team investigated what the effects would be if GSA implemented Section 876, *Increasing Competition at the Task Order Level into the MAS Program*. They found limited benefits to GSA, and customer agencies had significant concerns. Therefore, the team recommended keeping pricing at the contract level for MAS contracts.

FAS Commissioner Sonny Hashmi fully supports the recommendation that FAS will not use the Section 876 authority on MAS contracts.

[Read more about this on Interact.](#)

New eBuy Enhancements Make the RFQ Pricing Submission Process Easier

We have added new enhancements to [eBuy](#) for buyers and sellers. Based on stakeholder feedback, we made the RFQ process much easier by allowing buyers to upload their line items into eBuy via a single spreadsheet, rather than entering them one at a time.

Visit our Interact page for [full details on this pilot program and its benefits.](#)

Greenhouse GAS Emissions Webinar for FAS Contractors is Now Available

A [series of greenhouse gas \(GHG\) emission management webinars](#) for Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) contractors is now available! The webinars were developed in partnership with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

To learn more, check out this [blog post about how the federal government is going green](#).

Visit the [MAS Interact post](#) to read more about this update.

2022 FAST Monthly Training Series

GSA's [Federal Acquisition Service Training \(FAST\)](#) 2022 Virtual Monthly Conference Series continues! [Register now](#) for “[Building Furniture and Furnishings Requirements](#)” on Wednesday, July 20, at 1 p.m. EDT., and learn about tools and techniques GSA offers for procuring furniture and furnishings for the new office environment. Earn up to 3 CLPs.

[Register here to receive updates on all FAST events](#) and please share the link with your colleagues!

Are you a Prospective MAS Contractor? We Just Streamlined the MAS Roadmap for you!

GSA has unveiled a newly updated [Multiple Award Schedule \(MAS\) Roadmap](#). The site now better reflects the improvements we've made to the MAS Program over the past few years thanks to stakeholder feedback.

GSA is committed to helping prospective contractors, including small businesses, understand the process of getting on Schedule through providing clear and concise information. The updated Roadmap includes instructions and resources to guide you through each step of submitting an offer.

Visit the [MAS Roadmap](#) on GSA.gov today!

Updates to Current MAS Programs

QUICK LINKS

[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](#)

MAS Consolidation Phase 3

Deadline for submitting your Phase 3 consolidation plan and checklist has been extended to July 31, 2022.

Have more than one MAS contract under the same DUNS number or Unique Entity ID (SAM)? Your company may need to take action 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](#).

These consolidation plans are the first step in determining your surviving contract and to start the process of getting to one contract per Unique Entity ID (SAM). **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 Industry](#). This new resource takes you through all the critical consolidation steps.

Note: Phase 3 DOES NOT apply to you if:

- *Your company manages two contracts and:

 - *One contract has a small business set-aside (SBSA) Special Item Number (SIN) or*
 - *One contract is a follow-on contract with the same SIN(s)**
- *Your company only has one MAS contract*

Please submit your [Phase 3 Consolidation Checklist and Plan](#) to your Contracting Officer(s), and copy maspmo@gsa.gov as soon as possible to get the process started.

Questions?

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

Catalog Management Updates

GSA Continues Development of Common Catalog Platform (CCP)

Since our last update, GSA has continued development on the Common Catalog Platform (CCP) which will modernize catalog management for MAS contractors and the GSA workforce. The CCP will introduce key improvements such as:

Interact with eMod and eliminate the Schedule Input Program (SIP) so that users submit contract and catalog actions via one integrated workflow for approval and publishing.

Introduce a new system generated Product File template to consolidate and replace the current Price Proposal Template (PPT) and SIP Template for products.

Provide a new system generated Compliance & Pricing report directly to contractors to address catalog deficiencies prior to submitting for government review.

In January 2023, GSA plans to pilot the CCP with a limited number of vendors awarded the Office Supplies 4th Generation (OS4) Special Item Number (SIN) 339940OS4. Following the pilot, GSA will execute a phased transition to the CCP for all MAS contracts. We will provide more information as we get closer to that time.

GSA Uses Verified Products Portal Data to Remove Products from Unauthorized Sources

In an effort to strengthen the federal supply chain, GSA recently used data from the Verified Products Portal (VPP) to identify and remove approximately 75,000 items offered by unauthorized suppliers from GSA Advantage!.

This new process reduces the risk that customers purchase counterfeit, fraudulent, or otherwise illegitimate products, and promotes fair competition in the federal marketplace. Moving forward, GSA will use this process to continually monitor GSA Advantage! for products offered by unauthorized suppliers.

Manufacturers and wholesalers who are interested in improving the representation of their commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) products in the federal marketplace should visit gsa.gov/VPP to learn more about the VPP.

For regular updates, join the [Catalog Management Interact Page](#).

Questions? Email us at CatalogManagement@gsa.gov.

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[Register for MAS Office Hours](#)

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MAS Office Hours

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

[Register for the monthly office hours series](#) today!

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

Helpful MAS Resources

GSA and Multiple Award Schedule:

[GSA Schedule](#)

[Schedule Customer Training](#)

[Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System \(eSRS\)](#)

[MAS on GSA Interact](#)

[MAS Desk Reference](#)

[GSA's Blog](#)

[GSA's Vendor Support Center](#)

[GSA Small Business Assistance](#)

[Finding Your IOA and ACO](#)

[GSA's Office of the Procurement Ombudsman](#)

Preparing and Submitting a MAS Offer:

[Roadmap to Preparing a MAS Offer](#)

[GSA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization \(OSDBU\)](#)

[Procurement Technical Assistance Centers \(Free Assistance\)](#)

Marketing:

[Contract Opportunities](#)

[eLibrary - Contract Award Information](#)

[eBuy - Electronic Request for Quote \(RFQ\) / Request for Proposal \(RFP\) System](#)

[Schedules Sales Query Plus \(SSQ+\)](#)

[Small Business Forecasting Tool](#)

[GSA Advantage! - Online shopping](#)

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