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From the MAS PMO

Halloween, colorful leaves, and the brand new consolidated Schedule solicitation are here!

The remaining phases of MAS Consolidation continue to be the primary focus of our team. 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 in advance of the Phase 2 Mass Modifications that begin in January 2020. **Make sure you're subscribed to the [MAS Interact group](#) to stay informed!**

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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BREAKING NEWS: The New Consolidated Schedule Solicitation Is Live on FBO!



On October 1, the U.S. General Services Administration unveiled its [new solicitation](#) that modernizes federal acquisition by consolidating and streamlining the existing 24 Multiple Award Schedules (MAS) into a single Schedule for products, services, and solutions.

At this time, only new contracts will be placed on the consolidated Schedule solicitation. It will be “business as usual” for contractors already on Schedule until the mass modification takes effect in calendar year 2020.

Please read our updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and review our [recorded webinar](#) dedicated to the new solicitation to get all the latest information about the consolidated Schedule and the upcoming mass modification.

MAS Consolidation is one of the four cornerstone initiatives of the Federal Marketplace (FMP) Strategy, GSA’s plan to modernize and simplify the government buying and selling experience for customers, suppliers, and acquisition professionals. GSA has made progress on several other policy, process, and technology improvement projects.

Learn more about what GSA is doing to improve everyone’s experience with the federal marketplace by exploring the [FMP Strategy Fall 2019 release](#).

NOTE: If you currently have a Schedule, you do NOT need a new one. The MAS PMO will reach out to current contractors before Phase 2 begins with the mass modifications in January 2020.

Consolidated Schedule Solicitation: Advance Notice

Before each major Schedule change, our office posts an advance notice on Interact to give our industry partners a heads up on the upcoming change and provide them an opportunity to comment. The consolidated solicitation was no exception - our team published [the notice](#) to our Interact group page at the end of August.

A revised draft of the MAS solicitation was attached to the post, along with documents outlining available offerings, the clause matrix, and 'required as applicable' clause mapping to available offerings. We also published a brand new '[Available Offerings and Requirements](#)' page on GSA.gov that houses templates and attachments that are part of the solicitation.

The notice also included two September webinar opportunities dedicated to the new solicitation (recording [here](#)) and an updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ).

Requests for Information (RFI) Complete Findings

Thanks to all stakeholders who responded to our RFIs: the [Consolidated Solicitation Format and Terms & Conditions RFI](#), which closed on July 5, 2019, and the [Large Category, Subcategory, and Special Item Number \(SIN\) RFI](#), which closed on July 17, 2019.

We published a [summary of the RFI](#) findings on our Interact page for all to see. Based on over 1,000 comments, we learned that:

- Almost 94% of contractors agree the proposed solicitation format is clear.
- 88% agree the proposed solicitation format will be a benefit to industry.
- Nearly 88% agree it provides a benefit to federal agency customers.
- 84% of current contractors agree that the mapping from current Schedules and SINS to the new large categories, subcategories and SINS is clear.
- 78% agree with the mapping of their current SINS.

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We made multiple changes to the solicitation based on all the feedback we received. Read this [Interact post](#) for more details. And if you aren't a member of our MAS Interact community, please sign up now - it's the best way to keep up on our latest program news.

Customer Fact Sheet for Consolidation Now Available

We've been talking a lot about our industry partners - but what are we doing for our customer agencies? While there are no immediate action items for or impact to federal buyers, our team has put together a comprehensive consolidation fact sheet specific to customers.

It describes in detail what buyers can expect during each of the three phases of MAS consolidation. [Read it now](#) on GSA's Federal Marketplace site.

Event Spotlight: FAST 2020 Registration Is Open!



Have you heard? GSA's Federal Acquisition Service Training Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 14 to April 16, 2020! 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 company offerings live on the show floor.

Participants will have over 100 courses to choose from, including several specific to the MAS program. The MAS PMO team will be there conducting training sessions and answering questions at our booth. Learn more & register [here](#). Hope to see you there!

Updated Consolidation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Industry

QUICK LINKS

Download the [FAQs](#)

Read our [Interact post](#)

We'll be updating our Consolidation FAQs for our industry partners on a regular basis, ensuring that you always have the most up to date information at your fingertips. For this most recent version, we added questions based on the inquiries and feedback that came indirectly to the maspmo@gsa.gov email box, during our monthly consolidation webinars, and from the two RFIs.

Check out the most recent MAS Consolidation FAQ [here](#).

Transactional Data Reporting (TDR) Pilot Extended Through FY2020

QUICK LINKS

Visit the [FAS SRP](#) website

Read our [Interact post](#)

GSA has decided to extend the Transactional Data Reporting (TDR) pilot through FY2020. This will allow both contractors and the GSA acquisition workforce to focus their attention and resources on understanding and participating in the Schedules consolidation. This will also allow GSA to gather data about TDR in the new consolidated Schedule environment.

Participating contractors will still report monthly sales in the [FAS Sales Reporting Portal](#) and contractors whose SINS fall within the current TDR pilot scope can still opt into the TDR pilot.

At the end of FY2020, GSA will reevaluate the TDR pilot and decide whether: 1) to continue the pilot, 2) to cancel the pilot, or 3) to expand optional TDR pilot participation to all SINS on Schedule.

NDA Section 889: Mass Modification Related to Telecommunication Equipment & Services

In September 2019, all MAS contractors were issued a bilateral mass modification related to Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This modification incorporates Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Aug 2019) and General Services Administration Regulation (GSAR) clause 552.204-70 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Aug 2019) into your Schedule contract. Please take the following steps in eMod:

- Indicate if you accept the modification (“yes” or “no”)
- Indicate if you “will” or “will not” provide prohibited covered telecommunication equipment or services to the Government.

Important: if you indicate that you “will” provide covered telecom, your Contracting Officer will contact you and request additional information to determine if one of the exceptions at FAR 4.2102(b) applies.

The clauses address an urgent national security issue, so it is very important that you complete mass modification A808 in eMod by **November 16, 2019**. For additional information, including the list of prohibited items or services, please visit [Interact](#).

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

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