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From the MAS PMO

Hope you are all having a great summer!

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 July to September 2022.

To stay informed in real time, subscribe to the [MAS Interact group](#) and get news straight to your inbox!

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 Offer Submission Process Request for Information (RFI) Findings Now Available!

Thanks to all of our industry stakeholders who responded to our RFI on the [MAS Offer Submission Process](#) which closed on June 30, 2022. We received a total of 89 completed responses from current Schedule holders, most of which were small businesses. Your thoughts and ideas directly support our effort to create a new supplier portal that will replace eOffer, making it easier for qualified suppliers to submit offers to get on MAS.

Overall, the **three main takeaways** from the RFI feedback are:

- 1 The RFI has highlighted both strengths and weaknesses of the current offer submission process that our team will address to bring clarity to the system implementation.
- 2 Industry supports the plans to improve the offer submission process.
- 3 Industry supports mandatory acceptance of MAS solicitation refreshes for offers in progress.

For more information on the results we received, please refer to this [September 1, 2022 Interact post](#).

Covered Contractors Must Register and Certify Compliance with Affirmative Action Program (AAP) Requirement through OFCCP's Contractor Portal

The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) has launched a [Contractor Portal](#) to track vendor compliance with written Affirmative Action Program (AAP) requirements.

Supply and service contractors that employ 50 or more employees and hold [a contract above a specific value](#) are required to develop and maintain a written AAP under each of the authorities enforced by OFCCP.

Existing contractors who meet these requirements must register in OFCCP's [Contractor Portal](#) and certify compliance for all qualifying establishments and functional/business.

To read more about this head over to our [Interact post](#).

MAS Program Working to Address Inflationary Impacts

GSA remains committed to identifying opportunities to reduce the impact of inflation on our industry partners. GSA recently issued [Supplement 1 to GSA Acquisition Letter MV-22-02](#), which extends a temporary moratorium on the enforcement of certain limitations contained in GSA Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) contract clauses from September 30, 2022 to March 31, 2023. The supplement also streamlines and enhances the ability for FAS contracting officers to respond to and process EPA requests. 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](#).

Removing Non-Compliant Products from MAS Contracts and GSAAAdvantage!

Compliance with the terms and conditions of your Multiple Award Schedule is critical to the success of the MAS program! This September, FAS is continuing to take action to remove non-compliant products from MAS contracts and GSAAAdvantage!. FAS is removing products that are:

- not compliant with FAR clause 52.204-23 *Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities*.
- not compliant with FAR clause 52.204-25 *Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment*.
- not compliant with FAR clause 52.225-5 *Trade Agreements*.
- mis-designated as “made in the US.”
- refurbished, reconditioned and repaired items.
- remanufactured items offered under a Special Item Number where remanufactured items are not allowed.

Please take steps to ensure non-compliant products are not offered on your MAS contract! FAS Contracting Officers may take corrective action if contractors repeatedly offer non-compliant products. For more information about FAS initiatives to remove non-compliant products, visit the [Vendor Support Center](#), Supply Chain Risk Management section.

2022 FAST Monthly Training Series

GSA's [Federal Acquisition Service Training \(FAST\)](#) series continues! [Register here to receive updates on all upcoming FY23 FAST events](#) and please share the link with your colleagues!

Updates to Current MAS Programs

SIP Upgrade Coming Soon!

Later this calendar year, Schedule Input Program (SIP) version 9 will be released. The new version will include security upgrades and minor changes to the look and feel of the site. SIP users must upgrade to the new version as we phase out version 8. Please follow the [MAS Interact](#) page to stay up to date as we release more information about this upgrade in the coming months.

MAS Consolidation Phase 3

Have more than one MAS contract under the same Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)? 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. **No Phase 3 modifications will be approved without an 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).

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](#)

Catlog Management Updates

Watch a Demo of the new Common Catalog Platform (CCP)

Since our last update, GSA has made significant progress on the Common Catalog Platform (CCP), a new application that will modernize catalog management for MAS contractors and the GSA workforce. As a reminder, the CCP will:

- 1 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.
- 2 Introduce a new system generated Product File template to consolidate and replace the current Price Proposal Template (PPT) and SIP Template for products.
- 3 Provide a new system generated Compliance & Pricing report directly to contractors to address catalog deficiencies prior to submitting for government review.

A [25 minute video demo of the CCP's functionality](#) to date is now available to watch.

In early 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.

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

Questions? Email us at CatalogManagement@gsa.gov.

MAS Office Hours

The MAS PMO hosts monthly office hours for our industry partners. These webinars cover various topics each month and provide opportunities for you to ask questions and hear directly from MAS experts!

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

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

QUICK LINKS

[Register for MAS Office Hours](#)

[MAS Interact group](#)

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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