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# MASQUARTERLY

## From the MAS PMO

Happy February, and the final full month of winter!

As you know, the Multiple Award Schedule Program Management Office (MAS PMO) is committed to being your trusted resource and partner. And as part of GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), we have spent months supporting our government's COVID-19 response efforts. GSA has been instrumental in helping 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 like 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 that project. Our seventh FMP release is due out at the end of February - check out our FMP Retro 2020 release for highlights from the past year and read our project updates to get the latest news.

We are currently in the third and final phase of our MAS Consolidation initiative and this issue of our newsletter is full of updates on our key milestones. Make sure you're subscribed to the MAS Interact group to stay informed on all things MAS!

Stay safe, stay well, and if you would like to provide feedback or topics for future MAS Newsletters, please send your suggestions to <a href="mailto:maspmo@gsa.gov">maspmo@gsa.gov</a>.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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### What's New

#### **GSA Removes Drones on MAS Contracts**

Due to the significant risk associated with offering drones under GSA's MAS program, GSA will remove all drones as defined by 49 USC Ch. 448 from MAS contracts, except those drones approved by the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) through its Blue sUAS Program.

For more information on the Removal of Drones from GSA MAS, please read the Interact post here!

## **GSA Advantage Catalog Deadline Approaching**

The deadline for all contractors to update their price lists and GSA Advantage catalogs to the new consolidated MAS SINs is Mar. 31, 2021. This is a mandatory update. Your catalog will be removed from GSA Advantage if the deadline is not met.

Don't delay!

To remain compliant with MAS catalog requirements, you must follow the following components to keep your catalog in compliance.

- 1. Keep your files up to date! By keeping your files up to date, it will significantly lower the risk of inadvertently damaging your established GSA Advantage!® portfolio and/or file.
- 2. Provide photos for products. Photos and graphics added to your catalog should accurately represent the products that you're offering.
- 3. Report order status for orders placed through GSA Advantage. This will help our buyers have up to date information on when to expect their items.

Please take the steps outlined in the SIP/EDI Catalog Update Guide to ensure there is no disruption to your catalog status or access to eTools. Review the MAS Consolidation Price List Guide to update your Price List (Text File). Read the Interact post here.

## Vendor Support Center (VSC) Request for Information (RFI) Findings Now Available!

Thanks to all of our industry stakeholders who responded to our RFI on the Vendor Support Center.

We did a thorough review of all comments to make strategic updates to the VSC to serve our stakeholders better. To view the feedback we found that industry wants to see, please read the Interact post here.

#### Moratorium of Contract Sales Criteria Continues

The GSA Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) has extended the moratorium related to the minimum sales requirement for GSA MAS contractors through the end of March 2021. This means that GSA will not cancel active contracts due to low sales.

Those contractors that have multiple contracts included in Phase III of MAS Consolidation should still fill out the Phase III checklist and send the completed document to all of their COs on each of their active contracts. Information related to Phase III Consolidation, including the checklist, can be found on the Interact post here.

## March 8th Transition to GSA FAS ID for eOffer and eMod

### As of March 8, 2020, contractors will use FAS ID to access eOffer and eMod.

FAS ID is a secure, centralized identity management system that allows contractors to access many GSA applications with one email and password. FAS ID was created as part of our overall IT modernization effort and has already been implemented on the FAS Sales Reporting Portal (SRP), GSA Advantage Purchase Order Portal, GSA Vendor Portal, the Mass Mod Portal, and eBuy. If you already have an established FAS ID login for one of these systems and currently have access to GSA's eOffer/eMod, you do not need to register again. Users without an established GSA FAS ID will need to follow the steps outlined in the system and register for an account starting on March 8, 2021.

Contractors and offerors will not be able to access eOffer and eMod March 6 through March 7, 2021 as we transition to FAS ID. Please plan ahead to ensure you do not need to access eOffer/eMod during the transition period.

Digital certificates will no longer be required to access eOffer and eMod once we have transitioned to FAS ID!

Read more on our Interact post here.

## **Updates to Current MAS Programs**

#### **QUICK LINKS**

## Register for MAS Office Hours

#### **MAS Office Hours**

The MAS PMO is hosting regular monthly office hours specifically for our industry partners. These webinars cover different topics each month and are your chance to ask MAS experts anything!

Learn more & register for the series <u>here</u>. View past session recordings here.

#### **QUICK LINKS**

Facilities & Construction, Furniture & Furnishings, Human Capital, Industrial Products & Services, Information Technology, Office Management, Professional Services, Transportation & Logistics Services, and Travel.

## Subscribe to the new MAS Interact Large Category **Pages**

Did you know that there are now Interact communities for the new MAS Large Category pages?

You can now subscribe to specific communities based on your interests and get posts delivered straight to your inbox!

#### **QUICK LINKS**

Modification and Mass Modification Guidance

#### MAS Mod Guidance

The MAS Mod Guidance and modification Price Proposal Templates (PPTs) are available on the Modification and Mass Modification Guidance page on GSA.gov. These are in the process of being updated to align with Phase 3 of MAS Consolidation.

## Contractor Assessment (CA) Reference Guide

#### **QUICK LINKS**

Get the guide here

GSA's MAS Contractor Assessment (CA) reference guide is designed to provide a foundational, transparent understanding of the CA process for our industry partners. CAs are conducted regularly by GSA's Industrial Operations Analyst (IOAs) and verify contractors are complying with their contractual terms and conditions and have the support necessary to be successful.

## Helpful MAS Resources

## GSA and Multiple Award Schedule:

GSA Schedule: <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/gsa-schedules">https://www.gsa.gov/gsa-schedules</a>

Schedules Customer Training: www.gsa.gov/events

Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS): https://www.esrs.gov/

MAS on GSA Interact: <a href="https://">https://</a>
<a href="https://">https://</a>
<a href="https://">interact.gsa.gov/groups/multiple-award-schedule</a>

MAS Desk Reference: <u>www.gsa.</u> 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/masroadmap

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (Free Assistance): <a href="http://www.aptac-us.org/contracting-assistance/">http://www.aptac-us.org/contracting-assistance/</a>

GSA's Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU): https:// www.gsa.gov/acquisition/smallbusiness

## Marketing:

Contract Opportunities: <a href="https://beta.SAM.gov/">https://beta.SAM.gov/</a>

eLibrary - Contract Award Information: <u>www.gsaelibrary.gsa.</u> <u>gov</u>

eBuy - Electronic Request for Quote (RFQ) / Request for Proposal (RFP) System: <u>www.</u> <u>ebuy.gsa.gov</u>

Schedule Sales Query+ (SSQ+): https://ssq.gsa.gov

Small Business Forecasting Tool: https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/ app/#/x/forecast-of-contractingopportunities

GSA Advantage! - Online Shopping: <u>www.gsaadvantage.gov</u>

#### Feedback

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