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# MASQUARTERLY

## From the MAS PMO

Greetings on these last few days of winter!

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 January 2023 to March 2023.

**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 suggestions to [maspmo@gsa.gov](mailto:maspmo@gsa.gov).

Thanks again for your continued partnership.

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## What's New

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### New Requirement for Registering a Contract with the Vendor Support Center

As part of GSA's ongoing commitment to your privacy and security, there is a new requirement for registering a contract with the [Vendor Support Center](#) (VSC). Previously, all that was needed to register was a Contract Number and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). As of **February 16, 2023**, you must also be an Authorized Negotiator to register a contract. **Note: This requirement does not apply to VA contracts.**

If you need to add personnel to your contract as an Authorized Negotiator or Authorized Negotiator to Sign, you must submit an administrative modification to update the contract. If you need assistance, please contact the help desk at [eooffer@gsa.gov](mailto:eooffer@gsa.gov) or 1-866 472-9114 or reach out to your contracting officer.

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### Entity Validations in SAM.gov

We recognize that many contractors are still experiencing delays in getting their entity registrations updated in SAM.gov. Extremely high demand by entities needing to update their entity registration at SAM.gov has created processing delays. While SAM.gov is working to address demand and improve response times, should you need help with the SAM.gov entity registration process, please contact the supporting [Federal Service Desk \(FSD\)](#). FSD hosts a wealth of information in a searchable knowledge base, can assist with most issues, and should be the first resource in almost all cases.

To read more and learn additional steps you can take for further escalation, visit our [Interact post about Entity Validations in SAM.gov](#).

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### GSA Advantage Order Status - Tracking Cancellation and On-time Scores!

Attention Advantage contractors!

Thanks to your efforts, the percentage of orders with delivery/shipped status has increased tremendously! If your contract is eligible to receive orders via GSA Advantage, then this applies to you.

Beginning with scores sent out on **February 15, 2023**, we will begin enforcing minimum on-time and cancellation scores to further assist our customers. To read more about this new policy visit the [Interact post about Tracking Cancellation and On-time Scores](#).

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## Updated Model Subcontracting Plans

The GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program is implementing new subcontracting plan templates. Effective January 25, 2023, we updated Commercial and Individual Subcontracting Plans. Model Subcontracting Plans are often used as a tool by “other than small businesses (OTSB)” to complete their small business subcontracting plans when the total value of the acquisition exceeds \$750,000. Contracting officers also use Model Subcontracting Plans to understand the statutory requirements

The updated plans affect new offers and new subcontracting plans as of January 25, 2023.

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## Reminder! No Action Needed for Erroneous Change of Name, Address, or Novation Email

In July, we shared this [Interact post related to the entity validation process and certain minor punctuation](#) (periods, commas, etc.) and abbreviations in a company name; or the address may have changed. This is resulting in a mismatch between an entity’s name in SAM.gov and our MAS systems. This mismatch triggers a Name Change, Address Change, or Novation modification notification.

We are working with various FAS offices and GSA Office of General Counsel to develop a solution to solve this problem. In the meantime, please continue to ignore emails you may have received with the subject line: “Reminder to create a change of name, or novation modification” emails unless in fact you do require a Name Change, Address Change, or Novation modification.

We highly recommend you follow the [IAE Industry Community](#) on Interact for important IAE systems updates and stay up to date on topics related to SAM.gov and other IAE applications.

We will continue to share updates with you via [Interact](#) and this newsletter.

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## New “Interested” Feature in eBuy Brings Benefits to Both Buyers and Sellers

We have added a brand new feature to eBuy! As of December 29, 2022, contractors may notify a customer that they are interested in a Request for Information (RFI) or Request for Quote (RFQ). To read more about the new feature and its benefits, head over to the [New “Interested” Feature in eBuy Brings Benefits to Both Buyers and Sellers Interact post](#).

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## Multiple Award Schedule Program Working to Address Inflationary Impacts

GSA remains committed to identifying opportunities to reduce the impact of inflation on our industry partners. GSA issued [Supplement 1 to GSA Acquisition Letter MV-22-02](#), which extended 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. You may [submit any questions or comments about the supplement in the “Comment” section of our Interact post](#).

### **GSA OGP and FAS OPC recently extended the AL in Supplement 2 to September 30, 2023.**

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

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## Robomod Updates and Contract Compliance

Compliance with the terms and conditions of your Multiple Award Schedule is critical to the success of the MAS program! This December, FAS continued taking action to remove non-compliant products from MAS contracts and GSA Advantage. 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*. FAS is using high confidence Country of Origin data from the [Verified Products Portal \(VPP\)](#) to identify non-compliant products.

Please take steps to ensure non-compliant products are not offered on your MAS contract! In accordance with [I-FSS-600 Contract Price Lists](#), contractors are responsible for ensuring that items removed from contract through the Robomod process are not listed on GSA Advantage and that the items are not added again through future catalog submissions via SIP or EDI.

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.

## 2023 FAST Monthly Training Series

GSA's [Federal Acquisition Service Training \(FAST\)](#) series is back!

This FAST 2023 lineup focuses on improving requirements development across government and how GSA solutions can help program managers, contracting professionals, and industry partners succeed in the federal marketplace.

Visit [gsa.gov/fast](https://gsa.gov/fast) to sign up for upcoming events.

### Schedule

Date	Session Topic
March 29	Successfully Acquiring IT Solutions that Accelerate Modernization
May 16-18	Federal Acquisition Service Training Conference (FAST2023) - Annual 3-Day Event
June 28	Building Mission Resilience in Preparation for Emergencies

[Register here to receive updates on all upcoming FY23 FAST events](#) and please share the link with your colleagues!

## Updates to Current MAS Programs

### Keep Your GSA Advantage Catalog Up to Date

Did you know you are required to update your Contract Price List every two years? That's right, electronic catalogs/price lists previously submitted to GSA, in accordance with Schedule contract clause I-FSS-600(a) Contract Price List, must be updated every two years.

Why is this so important? Old catalogs/price lists may contain discontinued items and out-dated pricing, which when ordered online, cause problems for agency customers and you, the contractor. Your contract requires that you honor pricing contained in your published catalog, whether printed or electronic.

**To stay in compliance with your contract, please be sure to update your catalog/price list regularly.**

If you have questions about how to update your price list, contact our Vendor Support Center at [vendor.support@gsa.gov](mailto:vendor.support@gsa.gov) or 877-495-4849.

## 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.

You should make all consolidation actions 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](mailto:maspmo@gsa.gov) as soon as possible to get the process started.**

### **Questions?**

Email us anytime at [maspmo@gsa.gov](mailto: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](#)

## CATALOG MANAGEMENT UPDATES

### The FAS Catalog Platform (FCP) Pilot is Here

The new FAS Catalog Platform (FCP) pilot kicks off this month! The FCP, previously called the Common Catalog Platform (CCP), will replace the outdated Schedule Input Program (SIP) and introduce new features that make it easier to manage catalogs. Contractors can [watch a demo of the new platform](#) to learn more.

Following a successful pilot, GSA will begin transitioning all MAS contractors to this new platform. GSA anticipates beginning this process in October 2023.

### Prepare for the FCP Transition

Contractors can take the following steps now:

- 1 Contractors can fill out the [GSA FAS Catalog Platform User Transition form](#) to provide key details about their catalog that will help inform the contract transition sequence.
- 2 Contractors should ensure their Authorized Negotiators are up to date. FCP will require that users are assigned as Authorized Negotiators on their MAS contract, with or without signing authority.
- 3 Contractors with product catalogs who have not submitted a full catalog replacement file since October 2022 are encouraged to submit one following their next contract modification. This will provide initial catalog data migration to prepare for FCP. To learn more, visit this [Interact post about MAS Contractors Encouraged to Submit Catalog Replacement File](#).

### New Service File (Under Development!)

GSA previously announced that the FCP will use [the new Product File](#), a data template that combines, consolidates, and replaces the Products Price Proposal Template and the information required to sell on GSA Advantage.

GSA is now developing the Service File, a new template that contractors will use to submit service catalogs to the FCP. GSA is in the process of arranging contractor feedback sessions, which will be held in April, May, and June of this year. For more information, email [CatalogManagement@gsa.gov](mailto:CatalogManagement@gsa.gov).

Contractors should join the [Catalog Management Interact page](#) for regular program updates.

Questions? Email [CatalogManagement@gsa.gov](mailto: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!

Our next office hour is scheduled for **Thursday, March 16, 2023** and the topic is GSA Interact!

Come learn about GSA Interact; an online platform that connects federal customers with private industry partners to collaborate, inform, and build better relationships in government acquisition.

[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

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### 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](#)

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### 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 \(Free Assistance\)](#)

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### 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](#)

### Contact Us

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