

# **Overview of Changes**

## **MAS Solicitation 47QSMD20R0001**

### **Refresh # 9 - December 2021**

# Agenda

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# Disclaimer

***"DISCLAIMER: The purpose of this webinar is to allow GSA FAS to verbally present the DRAFT planned solicitation refresh and related mass modification as a courtesy to industry. All comments on the information presented must be submitted via chat on this call. GSA FAS will consider all relevant comments and document them, but we are not obligated to respond to any questions at this time. GSA FAS may address some comments during the call or provide responses to relevant questions on the original Interact posting. GSA FAS does not guarantee a response to all questions, but may issue a formal response to industry comments or related inquiries. GSA FAS will make changes to the DRAFT as appropriate. Interested parties should review the final version of the solicitation refresh or mass modification closely for additional changes made to this DRAFT."***

# Questions

Please submit questions via the chat function on this webinar. For additional questions after the webinar, please submit via the [original Interact posting](#). GSA will address questions, as appropriate.

# Purpose of Planned Action

The General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) is planning to refresh the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) to incorporate various updates as outlined in the advanced notice posting on GSA Interact and presented during this MAS Refresh webinar. The refresh is scheduled for **December 17, 2021**.

# Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to all large categories:**

1. Various changes to SCP-FSS-001
2. MAS Solicitation Table of Contents update
3. Implement various changes to the Offer and Modification Price Proposal Templates (PPTs).
4. Incorporate clause and provision updates, as necessary, through [Federal Acquisition Circular \(FAC\) 2021-07](#) and [GSAR Change 140](#).

# Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

**1. Office Management (A):**

- a. Document Services (A03) - SIN 541611LIT
- b. Office Supplies (A09) - SIN 333318SBSA

**2. Furniture & Furnishings (C):**

- a. Fitness Solutions (C09) SIN 339920S & SIN 713940

**3. Information Technology Category (F):**

- a. IT Solutions (F05) - SIN 518210C

# MAS Solicitation Changes - All Large Categories



# Revisions to SCP-FSS-001

1. **Incorporate the following updates to SCP-FSS-001** (see GSA Interact notice attachment for revised text):
  - a. Updated SCP-FSS-001 paragraph (j)(3)(ii) by expanding paragraph C to include services and labor categories regarding identical items.
  - b. Updated SCP-FSS-001 (j)(1)(i)(ii) Instructions Applicable to All Offerors (May 2021) to remove all references to the Vendor Education Center and revised to inform offerors the Pathway to Success and Readiness Assessment training are now available through the [MAS Roadmap](#) under the “Train” link

# MAS Solicitation TOC update

1. Section I - Offer Preparation Instructions and Evaluation Criteria will be re-formatted into the following 2 sections:
  - a. Ia. Offer Preparation Instructions and Evaluation Criteria - SCP-FSS-001
  - b. Ib. Offer Preparation Instructions and Evaluation Criteria - Other Than SCP-FSS-001

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# Various Updates to Price Proposal Templates

- 1. Price Proposal Template revisions have been made in order to:**
  - a. Update formulas to round pricing to 2 decimal places
  - b. Revise formatting and instructions to improve ease of use
  - c. Align content for consistency across various templates
  
- 2. Changes have include the following templates:**
  - a. Offer and Modification Products PPTs
  - b. Offer and Modification Services PPTs
  - c. SINs 541930 Translation and Interpretation Services & 611630 Linguistic Training and Education Price Proposal Template

# Clause and Provision Updates

Administrative clause and provision updates will be made per [FAC 2021-07](#) and [GSAR Change 140](#).

1. The following clauses will be updated in accordance with [FAC 2021-07](#):
  - a. 52.212-1; 52.212-5; 52.219-1; 52.219-3; 52.219-9; 52.219-14; 52.219-16; 52.219-27; 52.219-28; 52.219-29; 52.219-30; 52.219-33 and 52.245-1
  
2. The following clauses will be updated in accordance with [GSAR Change 140](#):
  - a. 552.211-75; 552.211-77; 552.211-89; 552.212-71; 552.212-72; 552.229-70; 552.229-71; 552.238-77; 552.238-81; 552.238-82; 552.246-78; 552.252-5 and 552.252-6

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48 CFR Chapter 1  
 [Docket No. FAR-2021-0051, Sequence No. 4]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-07: Introduction**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Summary presentation of final rules.

**SUMMARY:** This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2021-07. A companion document, the *Small Entity Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this FAC.

**DATES:** For effective dates see the separate documents which follow.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The analyst whose name appears in the table below in relation to the FAR case. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or [GSARRegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARRegSec@gsa.gov).

**RULES LISTED IN FAC 2021-07**

Item	Subject	FAR Case	Analyst
I	Section 508-Based Standards in Information and Communication Technology	2017-011	Jackson
II	Revision of Limitations on Subcontracting	2016-011	Uddness
III	Scope of Review by Procurement Center Representatives	2020-012	Jones
V	Good Faith in Small Business Subcontracting Technical Amendments	2019-004	Bowman

**ADDRESSES:** The FAC, including the SECG, is available via the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by these FAR rules, refer to the specific item numbers and subjects set forth in the documents following these item summaries. FAC 2021-07 amends the FAR as follows:

**Item I—Section 508-Based Standards in Information and Communication Technology (FAR Case 2017-011)**  
 This final rule amends the FAR to implement the Access Board's final rule published January 17, 2017. Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires the FAR to incorporate revised accessibility standards developed by the Access Board for information and communication technology (ICT). The Access Board is also known as the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board. This rule ensures that Federal employees with disabilities have comparable access to, and use of, such information and data relative to other Federal employees. Section 508 also requires Federal agencies to ensure that members of the public with disabilities have comparable access to publicly available information and data.

**Item II—Revision of Limitations on Subcontracting (FAR Case 2016-011)**  
 This rule amends the FAR to implement regulatory changes made by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in its final rule published in the *Federal Register* at 81 FR 34243, on May 31, 2016. SBA's final rule implements the statutory requirements of section 1651 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. Section 1651 revised and standardized the limitations on subcontracting, including the nonmanufacturer rule, that apply to small business concerns under FAR part 19 procurements. Section 1651 shifts the limitations on subcontracting from the concept of a required percentage of work to be performed by a prime contractor to the concept of a limit on the percentage of the overall award amount to be spent by the prime on subcontractors. Significantly, section 1651 excludes from this calculation the percentage of the award amount that the prime contractor spends on subcontractors who are similarly situated entities. This rule implements the revised and standardized limitations on subcontracting through the use of a single FAR clause for every small business program, instead of continuing to implement through multiple FAR clauses that were specific to a particular small business program. This rule also revises the FAR clause implementing the nonmanufacturer rule to reflect the standardized requirements across all the small business programs. This rule may have a positive economic impact on small businesses. Through the ability to meet the limitations by means of subcontractors with similarly situated entities, this rule will make it possible for small businesses to compete for larger contracts than they could in the past.

**Item III—Scope of Review by Procurement Center Representatives (FAR Case 2020-012)**  
 This final rule amends the FAR to implement section 1811 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub. L. 114-328), as implemented in the Small Business Administration (SBA) final rule published at 84 FR 65647 on November 29, 2019. Section 1811 allows SBA's procurement center representatives to review any solicitation for a contract or task order, without regard to whether it is set aside for small business concerns, or reserved in the case of a multiple award contract, or whether it would result in a bundled or consolidated contract or order.

**Item IV—Good Faith in Small Business Subcontracting (FAR Case 2019-004)**  
 This final rule amends the FAR to implement section 1821(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (15 U.S.C. 637 note, Pub. L. 114-328), as implemented in the Small Business

# **MAS Solicitation Changes - Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN**

# Office Management Category

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

**1. Office Management (A):**

**a. Document Services (A03)**

- i. SIN 541611LIT Litigation Support Services** - Update SIN title & description to clarify that this SIN includes litigation support products along with services

**b. Office Supplies (A09)**

- i. SIN 333318SBSA Office Security Equipment and IT Products**  
- Correct SBSA designation to clarify that this SIN is set-aside for small businesses only



# Furniture & Furnishings Category

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

**2. Furniture & Furnishings (C):**

**a. Fitness Solutions (C09)**

- i. SIN 339920S Sporting Goods Equipment and Supplies -**  
Update SIN title and description to clarify that this SIN includes fitness equipment

**b. Fitness Solutions (C09)**

- i. SIN 713940 Fitness Center Management Services -** Update SIN description to clarify that this SIN includes services only (no products)

**The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

### **3. Information Technology Category (F):**

#### **a. IT Solutions (F05)**

##### **i. SIN 518210C**

- Revise SIN title from “Cloud and Cloud Related IT Professional Services” to “Cloud Computing and Cloud Related IT Professional Services”.
- Add more clarity for invoicing requirements for both cloud computing services and cloud related IT professional services to ensure all offerings are billed in arrears, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324.



## The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:

### 1. Information Technology Category (F):

Outlined below are the changes for SIN 518210C - continued:

- c. Revise the SIN instructions to include the following out of scope language for this SIN: cloud “token,” “gift card,” “credit,” or other similar types of prepaid offerings:
  - i. Cloud computing services (e.g., IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) are sometimes offered commercially as a cloud “token,” “gift card,” “credit,” or require purchase of a prepaid offering; these are out of scope for this SIN. The pricing model for these items do not accurately represent the stock-keeping units (SKU) that are awarded at the task-order level. Therefore, nonsubmission of pricing of underlying IaaS, PaaS, SaaS SKUs is not allowed.
  - ii. Credits for cloud computing services (e.g., IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) that are paid for in advance and spent or used at a later time are commonly termed commercially as a cloud “token,” “gift card,” or “credit”, and are out of scope for SIN 518210C. Cloud computing services (e.g., IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) must be paid for in arrears in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324.
  - iii. Also out of scope is any payment for cloud computing services which carry a risk to the Government of a “use or lose” situation where a Government cloud account may forfeit unexpended credits/deposits towards future cloud computing services charges at the end of a vendor-defined period (e.g., 1, 2 or 3 years). Therefore, pre-payment of products or services prior to delivery of SKUs is not allowed. Payment for these SKUs must be in arrears.

## The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:

### 1. Information Technology Category (F):

Outlined below are the changes for SIN 518210C - continued:

- d. Add more clarity between cloud computing and cloud related IT professional services:
  - i. Clarify that this SIN provides access to cloud computing services (e.g. IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) in the public, community, and hybrid deployment models and cloud related IT professional labor categories. Cloud computing services shall comply with the [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\) Definition of Cloud Computing Essential Characteristics](#) (NIST SP 800-145).
  - ii. Clarify that cloud computing services that do not meet all NIST essential characteristics are outside the scope of this SIN and shall be assigned to other SINs, where applicable.
  - iii. Clarify that only cloud related IT professional labor categories are not subject to adherence to the NIST definition of cloud.
  - iv. Clarify that physical hardware, non-cloud software per the NIST definition and other artifacts acquired to support the physical construction of a private or other cloud are not within the scope of this SIN.
  - v. Clarify that ancillary supplies and/or services must be offered under a different SIN that specifically covers the proposed services.

## **The following planned changes to the MAS solicitation will be applicable to a Specific Large Category, Subcategory or SIN:**

### **1. Information Technology Category (F):**

Outlined below are the changes for SIN 518210C - continued:

- After the MAS Solicitation refresh - GSA will initiate cancellation product modifications for MAS contracts that have out-of-scope cloud computing services (commonly termed commercially as a cloud “token”, “gift card”, “credits” or other similar types of prepaid offerings) under SIN 518210C. Additionally, out of scope items that have a “use or lose” situation will be cancelled from the contract.
- Agency task orders & BPAs that include cloud items that were within scope of the underlying MAS contract at the time the order/BPA was awarded should continue until the current order/BPA period of performance has been met.
- Options for awarded agency task orders/BPAs should not be exercised if they cover items that are no longer within scope of the underlying MAS contract.

