

Overview of Changes

MAS Solicitation 47QSMD20R0001

Refresh # 5 - November 2020

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The General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) is planning to refresh the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) to incorporate provision and clause updates as outlined in the advanced notice posting on Interact and presented at the MAS Refresh webinar. The refresh is scheduled for **November 9, 2020**.

Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

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

- Incorporate a new Section 889 “Part B” Representation Requirement in the System for Award Management (SAM)
- Remove GSAR 552.204-70 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment
- Update vendor templates for Agent Authorization Letter and Request to Hold Continuous Contracts

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New Section 889 “Part B” Representation Requirement in the System for Award Management (SAM)

- The [first interim rule](#) implementing section 889(a)(1)(B) (i.e., “Part B”) of the NDAA for FY 2019 added a representation to the provision at FAR 52.204-24(d)(2), Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. This required offerors to represent on an offer-by-offer basis if the offeror “does” or “does not” use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services, and if it does, require the offeror to provide additional disclosures.
- The SAM representation provision at FAR 52.204-26 will be updated via [a second interim FAR rule](#), effective October 26, 2020, to include an additional representation. This requires entities to represent, based on a reasonable inquiry, whether they “**do**” or “**do not**” “use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.” Starting October 26, 2020, offerors will not be required to respond to FAR 52.204-24 in solicitations if the offeror has responded to the SAM representation provision at FAR 52.204-26 that it **both**:
 - “**does not**” provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government (e.g., the “Part A” representation) and,
 - based on a reasonable inquiry, “**does not**” use covered telecommunications equipment or services (e.g., the “Part B” representation).

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New Section 889 “Part B” Representation Requirement in the System for Award Management (SAM) - continued

- The MAS solicitation refresh will include the updated provision at [FAR 52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications - Commercial Items (OCT 2020). The provision at FAR 52.212-3 incorporates the SAM reporting provision at FAR 52.204-26 by reference.
- To implement the second interim rule, we will **UPDATE** FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items to add the updated SAM representation provision at FAR 52.204-26.
- Please visit [Acquisition.gov](#) for additional information about Section 889 Part B.

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Removal of GSAR 552.204-70 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

- On August 12, 2020, the GSA Senior Procurement Executive issued [Addendum #1 to Class Deviation CD-2019-11](#). CD-2019-11 Addendum #1 cancels the clause at General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) 552.204-70. The requirements contained in the clause at GSAR 552.204-70 are no longer needed as the provision at FAR 52.204-26, created via FAR Case 2018-017, which was published on December 13, 2019, achieves the same purpose.
- Cancellation of the clause at GSAR 552.204-70 means the clause no longer needs to be added to any solicitations or contracts, the clause no longer requires offerors or contractors to submit any representations or disclosures, and the clause may be removed from solicitations and contracts at contracting officers' convenience.
- To implement CD-2019-11 Addendum #1, we will **REMOVE** the clause at GSAR 552.204-70.

Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

Update Vendor Templates - the following templates will be updated with the upcoming solicitation refresh:

Agent Authorization Letter

- Purpose: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.102(e), which states, “when an agent is to sign the contract, other than as stated in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section, the agent’s authorization to bind the principal must be established by evidence satisfactory to the contracting officer.”
- In the updated version of the Agent Authorization Letter, vendors are required to sign the completed letter using a digital signature. Language has been added under the signature block on the last page of the template in order to apply this requirement.

AGENT AUTHORIZATION LETTER

November 2020

(To be used in conjunction with K-FSS-1, if a third party agent is utilized by the proposing contractor)

OUTLINE FOR AGENT AUTHORIZATION – THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED IF AN AGENT (I.E., CONSULTANT OR THIRD PARTY AGENT) ASSISTED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE OFFER, WILL BE INVOLVED IN ANY PART OF THE EVALUATION OR NEGOTIATION OF THE OFFER, OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN ANY POST AWARD ACTIONS.

The contracting officer will review the submitted agent authorization letter in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.102(e), which states, “when an agent is to sign the contract, other than as stated in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section, the agent’s authorization to bind the principal must be established by evidence satisfactory to the contracting officer.”

Please provide the following information on the principal’s letterhead, without the above instructional language (This letter must be signed only by an authorized principal with authority to bind the offeror/contractor, such as a corporate officer. (i.e. may not be signed by sales or purchasing agent, etc.)

For Solicitation No. 47QSM20R0001, the undersigned contractor, _____ hereby authorizes _____ to act as agent for the said contractor, with said specific authority delegated from the contractor to the agent. The authority of the agent is limited to exact and specific delegations. You may contact _____ at _____.

(Check desired delegations)

Pre-award delegations:

- Negotiate contract
- Sign contract
- Communicate with the Government

Post-award delegations:

- Submit contract modification requests
- Negotiate contract modifications
- Sign contract modifications
- Submit GSA Advantage Pricelist

Offeror (Must include digital signature of a company employee who is authorized to sign on behalf of the principal (see K-FSS-1 AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATORS).

Name (Printed) _____

Title _____

Date _____

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Update Vendor Templates - the following templates will be updated with the upcoming solicitation refresh:

Request to Hold Continuous Contracts is required when requesting to hold continuous Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracts in order to complete work under Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA) and orders awarded under an existing MAS contract. Holding continuous MAS contracts means GSA will allow a contractor to hold two MAS contracts, under a single unique entity identifier (i.e. DUNs), with one or more of the same Special Item Numbers (SINs) for a period of time.

In the updated version of the Request to Hold Continuous Contracts, vendors will be required to:

- Identify any MAS contracts that are scheduled for, or are being audited, by the GSA Office of Inspector General
- Acknowledge they can meet all contractual requirements under both contracts
- Acknowledge their FSS pricelist on GSA Advantage for the non-surviving MAS contract must be updated within 30 calendar days of contract award to include the following statement:

[Non-Surviving Contract number] is listed here for reference purposes only and is replaced by [Follow on/Surviving Contract number]. [Non-Surviving Contract number] is only to be used for BPAs and orders awarded prior to, or pending an award decision as of [follow on contract award/Surviving MAS mod date]. All new BPAs and orders MUST be awarded against the contractor's new MAS contract [Follow on/Surviving Contract number].

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Update Vendor Templates: Request to Hold Continuous Contracts - Continued:

- The updated version of the Request to Hold Continuous Contracts will also be used by contractors submitting a MAS Consolidation Phase 3 “Add SIN” modification request to consolidate individual Non-Surviving MAS contracts to a Surviving MAS contract in accordance with the modification guidance posted on the GSA.gov page.
- **Note: the updated templates are not yet in effect and should not be included in offers/mod requests until the MAS solicitation is refreshed.**

Overview of Planned Category-Specific Changes

The following planned changes will be applicable to Large Category H - Professional Services:

- 7 new Special Item Numbers (SINs) added
- 2 existing SIN descriptions updated

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Professional Services Category: Addition of new SINs

Professional Services Proposed Subcategory	Proposed SIN Number	Proposed SIN Title	Size Standard for Proposed SIN
Environmental Services	562910RMI	Environmental Remediation Services - Multiple Industries	750 Employees
Technical and Engineering Services (non-IT)	541330EMI	Engineering Services Related to Military, Aerospace Equipment, or Military Weapons, the National Energy Policy Act of 1992, Marine Engineering and/or Naval Architecture	\$41.5 Million
Technical and Engineering Services (non-IT)	541715AIR	Engineering Research and Development for Aircraft, Aircraft Engine and Engine Parts	1,500 employees
Technical and Engineering Services (non-IT)	541715APM	Engineering Research and Development for: Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment, Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles, Their Propulsion Units and Propulsion Parts	1,250 employees

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Professional Services Category: Addition of new SINs, continued

Professional Services Proposed Subcategory	Proposed SIN Number	Proposed SIN Title	Size Standard for Proposed SIN
Technical and Engineering Services (non-IT)	541713	Research and Development in Nanotechnology	1,000 Employees
Technical and Engineering Services (non-IT)	541714	Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology)	1,000 Employees
Technical and Engineering Services (non-IT)	541720	Research and Development in the Social Sciences and Humanities	\$22 Million

Overview of Planned Category-Specific Changes

Professional Services Category: Revise existing SIN 541690

FROM: **Integrated Logistics Support** - Services include providing advice and assistance to businesses and other organizations on scientific and technical issues (except environmental). Typical associated tasks include, but are not limited to ergonomic/human performance analysis, feasibility analysis, logistics planning, requirements determination, policy standards/procedures development, conducting research studies, long-term reliability and maintainability, training, consulting, conduct acceptance, functional and post acceptance testing, testing, integration of the payload for flight Customer Agency, support provided during launch, orbital maneuvering and satellite separation from the spacecraft. Example: The full range of life cycle logistics support for the navigation satellite will be identified and designed in this stage including training, operation and maintenance requirements, and replacement procedures. An implementation guide for Space launch Integration Services (SLIS) can be found at www.gsa.gov/psschedule - click on Professional Engineering Solutions. NOTE: Services under this NAICs can not include architect-engineer services as defined in the Brooks Act and FAR Part 2 or construction services as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 36 and Part 2.

TO: **Technical Consulting Services** - Services include providing advice and assistance on technical domains and issues not covered by any other subcategories or SINs on this Schedule. Typical associated tasks include, but are not limited to: strategic planning, feasibility analysis, requirements determination, policy interpretation and support, process analysis and/or development, research studies, testing (other than laboratory testing), and program analysis.

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Professional Services Category: Revise existing SIN 562910REM (changes are in bold print)

SIN Description: Remediation services include site preparation, field investigation, conservation and closures, emergency response cleanup (ERC), underground storage tank/above-ground storage tank (UST/AST) removal, air monitoring, soil vapor extraction, stabilization/solidification, bio-venting, carbon absorption, containment, monitoring and/or reduction of hazardous waste sites, unexploded ordnance removal, and remediation-related laboratory testing (e.g., biological, chemical, physical, pollution and soil testing). Reclamation services include: creating new land from sea or riverbeds, wetland restoration, and restoring areas to a more natural state (e.g., after pollution, desertification, or salinization have made it unusable). **Remediation services encompassing three (3) or more industries/NAICS codes, where the preponderance of work is at least 50% under NAICS 562910, should be solicited and performed under SIN 562910RMI.**

Note: Services offered under this SIN shall not include any remediation/transportation/disposal of radioactive waste, asbestos and/or paint abatement, radon mitigation, or construction and architect-engineering services as set forth in FAR Part 36 (including construction, alteration or repair of buildings, structures, or other real property). This SIN does not include Davis-Bacon work as defined in FAR Subpart 22.4. Ordering agencies must ensure the work being required is not covered by the Davis-Bacon Act.

