

Overview of Changes

MAS Solicitation 47QSMD20R0001

Refresh # 6 - May 2021

Agenda

- Introductions and Welcome
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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 **May 17, 2021**.

Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

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

1. Implementation of the Verified Products Portal (VPP), a manufacturer and wholesaler-facing portal containing authoritative product content that will standardize catalog-data for COTS products published under the MAS program
2. Revise scope of MAS Solicitation to authorize only those drones approved through DIU's Blue sUAS Program
3. Incorporate updated Service Contract Labor Standards (SCLS) Wage Determinations

Overview of Planned MAS Solicitation Changes

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4. Replacing digital certificates with DocuSign for electronic signature of documents and FAS ID for authentication into eOffer/eMod, rendering digital certificates unnecessary
5. Incorporate clarification on Ability One Authorized Distributors
6. Incorporate various additional updates to SCP-FSS-001
7. Incorporate updates to various MAS Solicitation clauses and provisions

Implementation of the Verified Products Portal (VPP)

Overview of the VPP

- The **Verified Products Portal (VPP)** is a new manufacturer facing portal where participants can provide data elements such as **supplier authorization details, product category details, product descriptions/images, supply chain attributes, and pricing information.**
- VPP data will be integrated with GSA's existing data enrichment environment and will deliver "flags" to GSA contracting staff via the Price Point PLUS Portal (4P)

Benefits:

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 Buyers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate variability by providing more consistent product representations and ensure product and reseller authenticity
 Suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the burden on resellers to provide letters of supply and product specifications
 Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow for greater automation in reviewing and approving catalog files for GSA workforce and protect against supply chain risks

Implementation of the Verified Products Portal (VPP)

VPP and Supplier Authorization Data

- The VPP will capture supplier authorization information directly from participating manufacturers and their authorized partners
- This will enable automated verification and enforcement of supplier authorization
- GSA will provide a dashboard of participating manufacturers; **offerors are encouraged to check this dashboard to see if their manufacturer is participating**
- GSA will update “[Assemble Your Offer](#)” on GSA.gov with additional guidance, and share upcoming training on Interact

If: An offeror’s manufacturer or authorized partner is participating in VPP

Then: Letter of Supply is not required.

- If any proposed products are flagged as “unauthorized” based on VPP data, the offeror will be prompted to take corrective action.
- If the offeror believes a product has been erroneously flagged as “unauthorized”, it is the offeror’s responsibility to resolve this issue with the manufacturer or authorized partner as applicable

If: An offeror’s manufacturer or authorized partner is NOT participating in VPP

Then: Letter of Supply is required

- Offeror must upload to eOffer a Letter of Supply that demonstrates an uninterrupted source of supply sufficient to satisfy the Government’s requirements for the proposed products.
- Failure to provide an acceptable Letter of Supply may result in rejection of the offer. A Letter of Supply template is provided as a solicitation attachment.

Additional VPP Industry Communications Planned:

- Industry Training
- Industry Q&A Document
- Please see GSA Interact for updates:
 - [Implementation of the Verified Products Portal \(VPP\)](#)



Implementation of the Verified Products Portal (VPP)

In order to Implement VPP, the following changes will be made:

1. FAS provision SCP-FSS-001 Instructions Applicable to All Offerors
 - Revised to inform offerors that a Letter of Supply is not required if proposed products come from a manufacturer that provides supplier authorization data in the VPP.
2. FAS clause I-FSS-644 Products Offered and Sold by Vendors Other Than the Manufacturer (formerly Dealers and Suppliers)
 - The updated & renamed clause clearly outlines new supplier authorization and uninterrupted source of supply requirements to be maintained throughout the life of the contract.
3. Letter of Supply Template (solicitation attachment)
 - The language in this template has been updated to be consistent with the new instructions for offerors in SCP-FSS-001, to reorganize content for better clarity, and to make general updates for the MAS consolidation effort.

Revise Scope of Drones under MAS

In order to revise scope of drones the following changes will be made:

1. A note will be added to all Large Category Attachments:

- “GSA will not award any Drones/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), as defined in 49 USC Ch. 448, in response to this Large Category except those drones approved by the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) through its [Blue sUAS Program](#).”



2. For additional information on the removal of drones from GSA Multiple Award Schedule contracts please see [GSA Interact Post](#) issued on January 12, 2021

Updated SCLS Wage Determinations

FAS is incorporating an updated WD index in accordance with current FAS policy:

1. There are no clause changes or policy changes to the application of SCLS at this time.
2. Offerors and contractors should ensure pricing and WD numbers are updated and included in their SCA matrix.
3. A complete set of incorporated WDs can be found at the following link:
www.gsa.gov/mascategoryrequirements.

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REGISTER OF WAGE DETERMINATIONS UNDER THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT
By direction of the Secretary of Labor

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20218

Daniel W. Simms Director
Division of Wage Determinations

Wage Determination No.: 2815-5523
Revision No.: 11
Date of Last Revision: 12/21/2020

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658 an hourly minimum wage of \$10.95 for calendar year 2021 applies to all contracts subject to the Service Contract Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.95 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2021. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

State: Washington

Area: Washington County of Whatcom

Fringe Benefits Required Follow the Occupational Listing

OCCUPATION CODE - TITLE	FOOTNOTE	RATE
01000 - Administrative Support And Clerical Occupations		
01011 - Accounting Clerk I		17.36
01012 - Accounting Clerk II		19.49
01013 - Accounting Clerk III		21.81
01020 - Administrative Assistant		28.39
01035 - Court Reporter		19.01
01041 - Customer Service Representative I		14.11
01042 - Customer Service Representative II		15.87
01043 - Customer Service Representative III		17.32
01051 - Data Entry Operator I		16.16
01052 - Data Entry Operator II		17.64
01060 - Dispatcher Motor Vehicle		24.95
01070 - Document Preparation Clerk		15.09
01090 - Duplicating Machine Operator		15.09
01111 - General Clerk I		14.73
01112 - General Clerk II		16.07
01113 - General Clerk III		18.04
01120 - Housing Referral Assistant		21.81
01141 - Messenger Courier		16.08
01191 - Order Clerk I		16.02
01192 - Order Clerk II		17.48
01261 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) I		17.91
01262 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) II		20.04
01263 - Personnel Assistant (Employment) III		22.34
01270 - Production Control Clerk		22.02
01290 - Rental Clerk		16.18
01300 - Scheduler Maintenance		17.49
01311 - Secretary I		17.49
01312 - Secretary II		19.57
01313 - Secretary III		21.81

Replacing Digital Certificates with DocuSign

The following changes will be made in order to replace digital certificates with DocuSign:

1. Update SCP-FSS-001 to remove the requirement to obtain a digital certificate
2. Remove all references to digital certificates from MAS systems, guidance and correspondence





The following changes will be made to FAS provision SCP-FSS-001 Instructions Applicable to All Offerors - Section (j)(1), Section I Administrative / Contract Data, sub-paragraph (xii):

1. Language regarding which AbilityOne (AB1) items can be offered under schedule will be clarified:
 - Items on the AB1 Procurement List can be offered by vendors who have been designated as Authorized Distributors by AB1
 - Proof of Authorization by AB1 must be provided
 - No vendor (whether an AB1 authorized distributor or not) can offer ETS items
 - A link to the current list of ETS items is now included

Updates to SCP-FSS-001

The following additional updates will be made to SCP-FSS-001:

1. Clarification on offering identical items
 - a. Updated SCP-FSS-001 paragraph (j)(3)(ii) by adding paragraph C to outline requirements for identical products.

2. Technical Factor 2: Past Performance in SCP-FSS-001, Instructions Applicable to All Offerors
 - a. Update SCP-FSS-001 paragraph (j)(2)(ii) to remove Open Ratings as a methodology for demonstrating past performance
 - b. Update SCP-FSS-001 paragraph (j)(2)(ii) to clarify instructions for offerors that verify in eOffer that they do not have three (3) or more CPARS reports that meet the solicitation criteria outlined in paragraph (j)(2)(ii)

Temporary waiver of certain requirements to directly support the Government's response to COVID-19:

1. The following note will be added to solicitation provision, SCP-FSS-001, Instructions Applicable to All Offerors:
 - “GSA has issued Acquisition Letter, MV-21-03 and Supplement 1 to further leverage industry resources and capabilities in support of America’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Letter temporarily waives three (3) MAS solicitation requirements outlined in SCP-FSS-001, Instructions Applicable to All Offerors when a company is proposing products, services and/or solutions that directly support the Government’s COVID-19 efforts:
 - Two (2) years of Corporate Experience - paragraph (j)(2)(i)(A)
 - Relevant Project Experience for each SIN proposed - paragraph (j)(2)(iv)
 - Annual Financial Statements for the previous two years - paragraph (j)(1)(v)

For more information on this Acquisition Letter and Supplement for prospective and existing MAS vendors please visit the [MAS Roadmap](#) page on gsa.gov.”

Clause and Provision Updates

Administrative clause and provision updates will be made per [Federal Acquisition Circular \(FAC\) 2021-02 through 2021-05](#) and [GSAR Change 114 through 123](#):

- 22 clauses/provisions will be updated as detailed in the significant changes attachment
- Clause 552.216-76 will be deleted

NOTE: Specific information regarding Federal Acquisition Circulars (FACs) and GSAR Changes can be found at the following link:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/>

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

48 CFR Chapter 1
[Docket No. FAR-2020-0051, Sequence
No. 7]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02;
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) 2021-02. A
companion document, the *Small Entity
Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this
FAC.

DATES: For effective date see the
separate documents, which follow.

RULE LISTED IN FAC 2021-02

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Removal of FAR Appendix	2020-003	Boyer
II	Removal of Obsolete Definitions	2020-002	Uzdowia
III	Update to Excess Personal Property Procedures	2019-019	Uzdowia
IV	Reserve Officer Training Corps and Military Recruiting on Campus	2018-021	Dejago
V	Documentation of Market Research	2020-006	Faustic
VI	Taxes—Foreign Contracts in Afghanistan	2019-023	Funk
VII	Recreational Services on Federal Lands	2019-002	Funk
VIII	Technical Amendments		

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
2021-02 amends the FAR as follows:

**Item I—Removal of FAR Appendix
(FAR Case 2020-003)**
This final rule removes FAR
references to the FAR appendix and the
FAR loose-leaf. The FAR appendix at an
earlier time contained a copy of the Cost
Accounting Standards Board
regulations. These remain available at
48 CFR chapter 99. There is no effect on
small entities. The FAR loose-leaf
version is now published online at
<https://www.acquisition.gov>. It is no
longer published as a paper loose-leaf
version.

**Item II—Removal of Obsolete
Definitions (FAR Case 2020-002)**
This final rule amends the FAR to
remove the definitions of the terms
“annual receipts” and “number of
employees” in FAR 19.101. The Small
Business Administration (SBA) has
published a final rule at 48 FR 64561 on
December 5, 2019, amending its
regulations to update these terms in 13
CFR part 121 as part of SBA’s
implementation of the Small Business
Runway Extension Act of 2019. The

definitions in FAR 19.101 conflict with
SBA’s revised regulation and are not
needed in the FAR as these terms relate
to determinations made by SBA, not
contracting officers. In addition, this
final rule moves the definition of
“affiliate,” as used with regard to small
business size determination, to
appropriate locations in the FAR.

**Item III—Update To Excess Personal
Property Procedures (FAR Case 2019-
019)**
This final rule amends the FAR to
update internal Government procedures
on how agencies can locate excess
personal property and to remove
obsolete requirements. Specifically, this
rule removes references to catalogs and
bulletins issued by GSA, the use of a
discontinued GSA form, and the ability
to examine reports and samples of
excess personal property in GSA
regional offices. Instead, the rule
identifies the website through which
agencies can find information on
available excess personal property.
Additionally, this rule updates the name
of the offices handling excess personal
property within GSA and provides a
website containing contact information
for those offices.

**Item IV—Reserve Officer Training
Corps and Military Recruiting on
Campus (FAR Case 2018-021)**
This final rule implements 10 U.S.C.
983, which prohibits the award of
certain Federal contracts to institutions
of higher education that prohibit
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
units or military recruiting on campus.
This final rule will not have a
significant economic impact on a
substantial number of small entities.

**Item V—Documentation of Market
Research (FAR Case 2020-006)**
This final rule amends the FAR to
implement section 818 of the National
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
Year 2020, which requires the head of
the agency to document the results of
market research in a manner appropriate
for the size and complexity of the
acquisition.

**Item VI—Taxes—Foreign Contracts in
Afghanistan (FAR Case 2018-023)**
This final rule amends the FAR to add
two new clauses that notify contractors
of requirements relating to Afghanistan
taxes or similar charges when contracts
are being performed in Afghanistan.
Agreements established with the Islamic
Republic of Afghanistan exempt the
United States Forces and the North
Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Forces, and their contractors from

