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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 in this webinar. For additional questions after the webinar ends, please submit them under the updated Interact posting.

Purpose of Planned Action

The General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) is planning to refresh the 00CORP Professional Services Schedule (PSS) to reflect the following changes:

- Incorporate two new solicitation attachments;
- Update provisions and clauses applicable to all MAS contracts; and
- Incorporate updated wage determinations applicable to all MAS contracts

The refresh is planned to be published on or about **APRIL 30, 2019** and the advance notice was posted on GSA Interact on March 25, 2019. An updated Interact post was published on April 10, 2019. Please click [here](#) to view the updated notice and proposed changes to the solicitation.

GSA is planning to issue a mass modification to accompany this refresh and it will be issued shortly after the solicitation refresh is published. The mass modification is anticipated to be open 90 days.

Overview of Planned Changes: Two New Solicitation Attachments

- **00CORP Proposal Checklist**

- Offerors will be able to complete this checklist while completing their offers. This will guide the offeror through the proposal submission process. This document contains templates for offerors to follow to address the proposal instruction requirements.

- **Request to Hold Continuous Contracts**

- Only applies to existing PSS contractors submitting a new offer and wish to hold continuous contracts
- Reduces the need for clarifications after offer is submitted

Overview of Planned Changes: Provision and Clause Changes

- **Provision & Clause Changes/Updates:**
 - Refer to the FAS Office of Policy and Compliance (OPC) presentation for a summary of proposed changes (available as a download to accompany this presentation).
 - The provision and clause changes are primarily directed towards product-based Schedules (those where customers are using GSA Advantage for order placement) and mostly will not impact PSS contract holders.

Overview of Planned Changes: Updated Wage Determinations

- **Updated Wage Determinations**

- Wage determinations (WDs) are updated annually and will be incorporated into Refresh #35.
- Please review the WD attachments to be sure the WD associated with your contract is included (any WD that is not starting with the number 2015 is probably out of date). If you need to change the WD applicable to your contract, submit an eMod request and select mod type “Wage Determination.”
- Make sure your contract pricing is sufficient to cover any changes to hourly wages and fringe benefits in the applicable WD.

Questions & Answers

Question: I'll be ready to submit my PSS offer before Refresh #35 is published at the end of April. Is there any benefit for me to wait until Refresh #35 publishes to submit my offer?

Answer: If you are ready to submit your new offer under Refresh #34 we recommend that you do so before April 30th. If you are in the early stages of offer preparation, you can get started with your offer following the draft proposal instruction changes we've identified in the Interact post so that you won't need to make significant changes to your offer when you are ready to submit your offer. We do encourage you to use the new Offer Checklist when completing your offer.

Questions & Answers, continued

Question: If I find out that my contract prices are insufficient to cover the updated wage determination, what should I do?

Answer: All PSS contracts have two contract clauses applicable to economic price adjustments, either 552.216-70 (EPA based on a Commercial Price List) or I-FSS-969 (EPA based on market pricing), which is the primary method of EPA, plus clause 552.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards - Price Adjustment. If the primary method of EPA is insufficient to cover the change to the WD, you can request an EPA based on 552.222-43, and your modification request must follow the requirements of that clause. In most cases, the primary method of escalation on your contract should be sufficient to cover any changes to the WD applicable to the contract, provided you are keeping up with escalations available under the contract. The [PSS Mod Instructions](#) have further guidance on how to request an EPA on your contract.

Questions & Answers, continued

Question: I can see the Order Level Materials SIN (00CORP 500) in the solicitation but it isn't available to select in the eOffer system. Why can't I select this SIN when preparing my offer?

Answer: At this time the OLM SIN is not available to select within the eOffer or eMod system. If a PSS contract is awarded, within a few weeks after the contract award your firm will be issued a mass modification (A653) to accept the OLM SIN. When you accept the mass modification, the SIN will be added to your contract.

Questions & Answers, continued

Question: This is the second refresh in two months. Will there be any more PSS solicitation refreshes after this one?

Answer: There are no further planned PSS solicitation refreshes. As you may have heard, GSA is moving to consolidate all GSA Schedules into a single Schedule, which is anticipated to be published on or about October 1st, 2019. Upon publication of the new Schedule, PSS will cease to exist as a separate Schedule. FAQs about the upcoming Schedules consolidation can be found [here](#). You can also submit questions to the MAS Program Management Office (MAS PMO) mailbox at maspmo@gsa.gov.

Audience Q&A

Thank you for your time.

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