

## **Reopening of Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) 75 – Office Products and Supplies**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

- Where do I go for more information and whom do I contact?
  - Please email questions to [gsaschedule75@gsa.gov](mailto:gsaschedule75@gsa.gov) by January 17, 2017. Questions received after that date will not be answered. Additional information can be found on the RFI document on GSA Interact at [interact.gsa.gov](http://interact.gsa.gov).
- What are GSA's plans for reopening MAS 75?
  - GSA plans to add a new enhanced SIN to MAS 75 and accept new offers for the first time since October 2010. The new enhanced SIN will incorporate all of the Best In Class (BIC) features of FSSI OS3 while also incorporating the robust structure of MAS 75. This will consolidate FSSI OS and MAS 75 into one acquisition vehicle. In addition, GSA plans to continue with FSSI OS3 as a separate acquisition vehicle until final option expiration in 2019.
- When will MAS 75 reopen?
  - GSA intends to reopen the schedule in FY17.
- What are GSA's plans for FSSI OS3 and OS4?
  - GSA plans to combine FSSI OS and MAS 75 into one, new, enhanced SIN which will incorporate all of the Best in Class features of FSSI OS3 into MAS 75. This will consolidate FSSI OS and MAS 75 into one acquisition vehicle. In addition, GSA plans to continue with FSSI OS3 as a separate acquisition vehicle until final option expiration in 2019.
- Why is GSA combining MAS 75 and FSSI OS?
  - FSSI OS3 is extremely successful in offering superior customer savings and acquired BIC status, however more sales continue to go to MAS 75 and other vehicles. While GSA continues to grow the adoption of OS3 and drive open market spend to OS3, GSA is examining the best course of action for the next generation by planning a new, improved, and widely used solution.
- How will these new plans impact small businesses?
  - A major goal of the new solution is to increase opportunity for small business participation by at least 5%.
- How will the new solution benefit customers?
  - All of GSA's lessons learned in FSSI will go into the creation of the new MAS 75 enhanced SIN. By combining the two current solutions, contract reduction will be achieved and a single acquisition solution will offer increased utilization, reduced program leakage and improved customer satisfaction.
  - FSSI OS3 has achieved enhanced vendor requirements, improved pricing and savings, data spending tracking capabilities, and vendor accountability. The new MAS 75 SIN will include all of these enhancements that made FSSI OS3 a BIC solution.

- The Formatted Product Tool (FPT), estimated to be rolled out in 3QTR FY17, will help automate the pricing review process. In addition, the Transactional Data Rule (TDR) which requires Level 3 transactional data reporting for new offerors, has already been incorporated into MAS 75 effective October 2016. The new MAS 75 SIN will be equally competitive and strict to offers as FSSI OS3, employing higher-level evaluation factors to raise standards. In addition, the new SIN will add an Open/Closed period to MAS offers. This will keep the superior savings, oversight, and performance standards that exist in FSSI OS3.
- Our MAS 75 contract is in its final option period or is about to expire soon. Can we submit a new offer?
  - If you are interested in pursuing a MAS 75 contract before your final option period has expired, to ensure continuous contract coverage, you will need to submit a new offer to GSA for SIN 75 2XX.
- What will happen to MAS 75 85?
  - GSA intends to reopen MAS 75 85 at the next open season in two years.
- Will the new TDR feature be a part of the reopened MAS 75?
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- With the anticipation of new offers under MAS 75, how will GSA handle the numerous offers?
  - This office will work closely with other FAS offices to use best practices in evaluating offers to the maximum extent practicable.