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From the MAS PMO

Happy Spring!

As you know, the Multiple Award Schedule Program Management Office (MAS PMO) is committed to being your trusted resource and partner. As part of GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), we have spent months supporting our government's COVID-19 response efforts. For over a year, GSA has been instrumental in helping agencies and the military secure life-saving equipment and services across the country and overseas. At the same time, we've also been advancing priorities like our <u>Federal Marketplace (FMP) Strategy</u>, GSA's initiative aimed at making it easier to do business with the government. MAS Consolidation, our effort to integrate multiple awards schedules into a single solicitation, is one of the four cornerstones of that project. Check out our <u>FMP Winter 2021</u> and read our project updates to get the latest news.

This issue of our newsletter is full of updates on our key milestones. Make sure you're subscribed to the MAS Interact group to stay informed on all things MAS!

Stay safe, stay well, and if you would like to provide feedback or topics for future *MAS Newsletters*, please send your suggestions to maspmo@gsa.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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What's New

Transactional Data Reporting (TDR) Pilot 2021 **Evaluation**

<u>Transactional Data Reporting</u> (TDR) is a pilot testing our program to create a more effective, less burdensome alternative to legacy pricing disclosure requirements. How's the pilot going? We're finding that when TDR is used, government prices are lower, the reporting burden on contractors is reduced, and small businesses generate stronger sales growth.

In his annual review of the TDR pilot, GSA's Senior Procurement Executive Jeff Koses offers some plans for expansion and thoughts on improvements, especially in how it's used by contracting officers. Read more in his recent GSA blog.

Temporary MAS Requirements Waiver to Support COVID

At the end of March, Acquisition Letter MV-21-03 and its Supplement 1 were issued by GSA's Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) Jeff Koses and FAS' Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Compliance Mark Lee to support America's response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The letter temporarily waives three requirements in MAS solicitation provision SCP-FSS-001, Instructions Applicable to All Offerors, when the offeror/existing MAS contractor is proposing commercial products/services/ solutions to directly support the government's COVID-19 efforts. This temporary waiver does not apply to non-COVID-19 related offerings.

For the full details, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), please read the Interact post here.

MAS Refresh 6

GSA is planning to issue GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Solicitation 47QSMD2oRooo1 - Refresh # 6 and an associated mass modification (mass mod) to all existing contracts in May, 2021.

The changes to the MAS solicitation include:

- Implementation of the <u>Verified Products Portal (VPP)</u>
- Revised drone authorization
- Replacement of digital certificates with DocuSign for electronic signature of documents and FAS ID for authentication into eOffer/eMod, rendering digital certificates unnecessary
- Updates to several clauses and provisions

This will be a bilateral mass mod; contractors have 90 days to respond after receipt.

For the full list of changes, read the Interact post <u>here</u>.

Vendor Support Center (VSC) Update Project

Thanks to all industry stakeholders who responded to our RFI on the <u>Vendor Support Center</u>. Your feedback is critical to this project; to review the findings, please read the Interact post here.

Based on a thorough review of the comments, several exciting changes are underway!

Expect the first phase of our new and improved Vendor Support Center by the end of FY 2021.

Updates to Current MAS Programs

MAS Office Hours

QUICK LINKS

Register for MAS Office Hours

The MAS PMO is hosting regular monthly office hours specifically for our industry partners. These webinars cover different topics each month and are your chance to ask MAS experts anything!

The next session will cover the **Basis of Award (BOA)** and takes place at **2 p.m. EDT, Thursday, May 20, 2021**.

You'll learn what BoA means and what you need to know about it.

Learn more & register for the series <u>here</u>. View past session recordings here.

QUICK LINKS

MAS Consolidation Phase 3.
Contractor Checklist and Plan
(*required)

MAS Consolidation Phase 3

Overview & FAQs for Industry

Phase 3 Recorded Training for Impacted Contractors - August 2020

MAS Consolidation 'Add SIN'
Procedures

QUICK LINKS

Read the Interact post

MAS Consolidation Phase 3

The MAS PMO entered Phase 3 of MAS Consolidation on Aug. 3, 2020, which asks current contractors with multiple contracts to consolidate their offerings down to one contract. There are multiple resources available to support affected contractors through this transition, see our Quick Links.

Reminder: DoD's FedMall Program

Contractors - are you familiar with FedMall? Developed by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), FedMall is a web-based ordering platform similar to GSA Advantage that is designed to streamline acquisition purchases for the Department of Defense (DoD) and other authorized buyers. Contractors participating in FedMall can sell awarded, commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) items and other products to federal, state, and local DoD buyers.

Interested in participating? Learn more and follow the instructions in our <u>Interact post</u>.

Helpful MAS Resources

GSA and Multiple Award Schedule:

GSA Schedule: https://www.gsa.gov/gsa-schedule

Schedule Customer Training: www.gsa.gov/events

Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS): esrs.gov

MAS on GSA Interact: https://
https://
interact.gsa.gov/groups/multiple-award-schedule

MAS Desk Reference: <u>www.gsa.</u> gov/mas-desk-reference

GSA's Blog: www.gsa.gov/blog

GSA's Vendor Support Center: vsc.gsa.gov

GSA Small Business Assistance: www.gsa.gov/acquisition/small-business

Finding Your IOA and ACO: https://vsc.gsa.gov/tools/aco_ioa.cfm

GSA's Office of the Procurement Ombudsman: gsa.gov/ombudsman

Preparing and Submitting a MAS Offer:

Roadmap to Preparing a MAS Offer: www.gsa.gov/acquisition/ purchasing-programs/gsaschedules/industry-partners/ guide

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (Free Assistance): http://www.aptac-us.org/contracting-assistance/

GSA's Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU): https:// www.gsa.gov/acquisition/smallbusiness

Marketing:

Contract Opportunities: https://beta.SAM.gov/

eLibrary - Contract Award Information: <u>www.gsaelibrary.gsa.</u> gov

eBuy - Electronic Request for Quote (RFQ) / Request for Proposal (RFP) System: <u>www.</u> <u>ebuy.gsa.gov</u>

Schedules Sales Query+ (SSQ+): https://ssq.gsa.gov

Small Business Forecasting Tool: https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/ app/#/x/forecast-of-contractingopportunities

GSA Advantage! - Online Shopping: <u>www.gsaadvantage.gov</u>

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