

Significant Changes For the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Solicitation (Interact post attachment)

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GSA anticipates that the refresh will occur in November 2020.

Purpose of the Planned Action: The General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) is planning to refresh GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) solicitation to incorporate the changes outlined below:

A. MAS Solicitation Changes:

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

B. Category-Specific Changes:

1. Create 7 new Special Item Numbers (SINs) under Large Category H - Professional Services

Summary of Planned Changes Below is a high-level description of significant changes to be included in the upcoming MAS refresh and mass modification. Be sure to review the final solicitation refresh and mass modification for full details.

A. Changes to the MAS Solicitation:

1. **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).

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](https://www.acquisition.gov) for additional information about Section 889 Part B.

2. **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.

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

a. Agent Authorization Letter

- i. 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.

b. Request to Hold Continuous Contracts

- i. In the updated version of the Request to Hold Continuous Contracts, vendors will be required to:
 1. Identify any MAS contracts that are scheduled for, or are being audited, by the GSA Office of Inspector General
 2. Acknowledge they can meet all contractual requirements under both contracts
 3. Acknowledge their FSS pricelist on GSA Advantage for the non-surviving MAS contract must be updated with 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].

- ii. 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.

B. Category Specific Changes:

1. Professional Services Category:

- a. Effective with the issuance of the new solicitation refresh, the following **7 new SINS** will be added to the Professional Services Category:

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
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

- b. **SIN 541690** will be revised as follows:

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.

- c. **SIN 562910REM** will be revised to better differentiate the SIN from SIN 562910RMI.

NOTE: For full SIN information, please see the attached Available Offerings document.