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GSA SmartPay – Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives (FSSI)

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INTRODUCTION:

The benefits of using the GSA SmartPay purchase and integrated cards when acquiring products and services through FSSI Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) and other arrangements include increased refunds for agencies along with product/service price savings, improved management visibility into purchasing activity, and adoption of industry and government agency best practices. As noted below, many of these FSSI offerings incorporate Point of Sale (POS) discounts for purchase and integrated card users, whereby the discounted FSSI price is to be automatically provided regardless of whether the purchase is made in-store, on-line, or by phone. These automatic discounts are provided by the merchant at the POS. The merchant is required to recognize the account numbers unique to standard GSA SmartPay purchase and integrated cards. The information below briefly discusses relevant FSSI procurement vehicles and provides links to their websites for more information and points of contact.

BUSINESS LINE(S)

AFFECTED: Purchase,
Integrated (Purchase)

SUMMARY:

FSSI OS4 - The Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative for Office Supplies Fourth Generation (FSSI OS4) is GSA's latest FSSI solution for office supplies. GSA's new and improved MAS 75 features two new and Enhanced Special Item Numbers (SINs) known as OS4. They are purchasing channel solutions that help federal customers achieve significant savings on their office supply purchases. The awards are the result of a collaborative team effort among customer agencies across the federal government. The new MAS 75 Enhanced SINs include all of the improvements that made FSSI OS3 a Best In Class solution. By combining the two current solutions (Legacy MAS 75 and FSSI OS4), this new solution will provide an opportunity to achieve significant savings and meet sustainable acquisition and other socioeconomic goals. A major objective of the new solution is to increase opportunities for small business participation by at least five percent (5%).

FSSI OS3 - FSSI OS3 is a purchasing and requisition channel solution that helps federal customers achieve significant savings on their office supply purchases, while also supporting the nation's small businesses. Under OS3, prices decrease as the collective purchases grow across the federal government. GSA has awarded multiple Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts for office supply products and commodities through the purchasing channel acquisition. Twenty-two of the twenty-three awards have gone to small business entities. This solution provides a great opportunity to achieve significant savings and meet sustainable acquisition and other socioeconomic goals.

Building Maintenance and Operations (BMO) - The BMO strategic sourcing solution is a comprehensive and flexible solution covering all high-demand BMO services. It is an open market, multiple-award, indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (MA-IDIQ), government-wide contract vehicle supporting the strategic sourcing initiative to reduce costs and drive efficient purchasing by federal agencies. There are both unrestricted and small business set aside programs available in the BMO vehicle to allow for large and small business participation. The BMO Small Business (SB) has additional socio-economic categories to help agencies meet their goals.

FSSI Wireless - FSSI Wireless is a BPA based off of IT Schedule 70, Special Item Number (SIN) 132-53. This program allows the customer to purchase a broader portfolio of Wireless Mobility Solutions (WMS) and replaces the expiring FSSI Wireless Blanket Purchase Agreements. The Wireless FSSI program will improve the procurement and management of wireless services across government. Agencies will be able to implement cellular service plans and devices more effectively and efficiently through unified acquisition, improved information management, and the ability to leverage best practices across the government. Purchasers can save time and money by consolidating multiple wireless services, plans, and devices and will save up to 30% by taking advantage of volume-pricing and price-maintenance controls.

FSSI MRFS - The Maintenance Repair Facility Supplies (MRFS) Purchasing Channel is a strategic sourcing and category management solution created to streamline the process of purchasing maintenance, repair, janitorial, and sanitation products governmentwide. The federal government currently spends almost \$2.8 Billion a year on MRFS supplies. In partnership with numerous federal agencies, both military and civilian, GSA has established multiple Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) to address this spend volume.

RESOURCE LINKS:

For additional information on Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives, please visit the below websites.

[FSSI OS4](#)

[FSSI OS3](#)

[BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS](#)

[FSSI WIRELESS](#)

[FSSI MRFS](#)

ACTION:

Agency/Organization Program Coordinators (A/OPCs) are encouraged to provide this bulletin with resource links to purchase and integrated cardholders. Agencies are encouraged to use their purchase or integrated charge cards in conjunction with FSSI offerings to save money and better use taxpayer funds. Some agencies have committed to use specific FSSI vehicles for certain purchases; A/OPCs shall ensure

such policies are addressed in the training and other communications to their cardholders, as appropriate. In addition, A/OPCs may direct their cardholders to the [FSSI](#) portion of the GSA SmartPay website.

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