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Advocacy Urges GSA to Examine Economic Impacts on Small Entities of FPDS-Next Generation

On February, 25, 2005, the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed a comment letter with the General Services Administration Regulatory Secretariat (GSA), in response to its interim notice of rulemaking, *Access to the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG), GSAR Amendment 2004-04, GSAR cases 2004-G509, 69 Federal Register 77662 (December 28, 2004)*. A complete copy of Advocacy's letter to GSA may be accessed at <http://www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments/>.

- The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) is the primary database of the federal government for information relating to federal procurement.
- GSA has been charged with the responsibility to manage FPDS.
- OFPP and GSA have moved to modernize FPDS through FPDS-Next Generation.
- Advocacy commended GSA for soliciting comments from affected entities even though this interim rule is not subject to notice and comment of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.
- GSA's goal for FPDS is to provide greater transparency into government contracting. FPDS-Next Generation has functional problems in meeting these goals. These difficulties may have negative impacts on small entities.
- Advocacy urges GSA to further examine the economic impacts of the rule on small entities.

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