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Letter from the Editor:

Traveling has always been difficult; being away from family, rushing through airports, automobile rental hassles, living out of suitcases, lost luggage and even worse, lost presentation materials or equipment failures. But let's face it, we have no choice when it comes to official business travel. You are expected to be there, giving your very best whether it's a presentation, conference, site visit or any other activity appropriate to your agency's mission. Most of us frequently find ourselves asking, "is there a better way?"

The answer to the question is "Yes!" The General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Supply Service (FSS) is here to serve the "mobile workforce" including those with "alternative work locations" with all the business essentials you need to meet your toughest challenges. We are committed to providing you a full range of products and services to help make your travels as smooth as possible. This edition of MarkeTips focuses on some of our program highlights including: travel services, GSA SmartPay, next day small package delivery, training, laptops and more!

GSA has been successfully meeting your needs for over 50 years through programs such as the Multiple Awards Schedule (MAS) program, our new Schedules E-Library and our award winning online shopping service, GSA Advantage! This edition of MarkeTips provides you with basic information on each of these programs and directs you to avenues to find more in-depth information on each of the subjects.

Please take a few extra minutes and carefully read through this special section, I am sure you will learn something new and useful in meeting your mobile challenges.

Sincerely,



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