# Instructions to Offerors—Submission of Offers Under the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Express Program

The Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) made a commitment to industry that GSA would award Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracts within 30 days. In order to comply with the Administrator's directive, GSA has implemented the "Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Express Program." The primary goal of the MAS Express Program is to simplify and streamline the process for new Offerors to obtain MAS contracts.

Under the MAS Program, GSA establishes long-term Governmentwide indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts with responsible commercial firms to provide customers with access to a wide variety of supplies (products) and services.

Participation in the MAS Express Program is open to all business concerns, regardless of size. At the present time, offers accepted under the MAS Express Program are **limited to a total of 500 products/labor categories under the following Multiple Award Schedule Special Item Numbers (SINs)**:

Sch	edule Number and Title	Special Item Numbers (SINs)			
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36	The Office, Imaging and Document Solutions	165-205	Multimedia Office Cabinets, Displays, and Filing Systems		
		20-220	Projection Screen, Stand, Printer (Enlarger) Systems *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns		
		20-300	Projectors and Electronic Whiteboards		
		47-145	Typewriters		
		50-177	Date and Time Stamps		
		50-281	Calculators		
		50-287	Money Handling and Processing Machines		
		50-7002	Stencil Cutting Machines		
48	Transportation, Delivery and Relocation Solutions	411-3	Transportation Consulting Services		
		653-8	Office Relocation Services		
51 V Hardware SuperStore		Lawn and Garden Department			
		341-100	Mowers		
		341-400	Lawn and Garden Implements (not tractor drawn or mounted)		
		341-500	Cattle Guards		
		341-600	Chain Saws		
		341-700	Accessories/Replacement Parts—Includes Lubricants and Tools Directly Related to Lawn and Garden Equipment		
		341-800	Hand Tools—Specifically Lawn and Garden Dedicated		
58 I	Professional Audio/Video, Telecommunications, and Security Solutions	58-1	Recording and Reproducing Video and Audio Equipment, Including Spare and Repair Parts, and Accessories		

Schedule Number and Title			Special Item Numbers (SINs)			
67	Photographic Equipment—Cameras, Photographic Printers and Related Supplies and Services (Digital and	19-1	Film, Paper, Chemicals, and Related Equipment for Photographic and Radiographic Applications			
	Film-Based)	20-130	Photographic Laboratory Systems			
		20-316	Cameras and Accessories			
		20-320	Photographic Digital Technologies			
		262-53	Product Support for Photographic Products and Services			
69	Training Aids and Devices, Instructor-Led	27-100	Training Aids/Teaching Machines and Devices			
	Training, Course Development, Test Administration	27-200	Prepared Printed Instructional Materials			
		27-300	Prepared Audio and Visual Instructional Materials, Multimedia Program Kits			
		27-400	Instructor-Led and Web Based Training (excludes mandatory GS 1102 contracting curriculum)			
		27-500	Course Development and Test Administration			
		27-600	Contracting Curriculum—Core GS 1102 Acquisition Training Courses			
70	Information Technology Equipment,	132-8	Purchase of Equipment (IT and Telecommunications Hardware)			
	Software, and Services	132-12	Maintenance of Equipment, Repair Service, and Repair Parts/Spare Parts			
		132-50	Classroom Training			
		(SIN 132 and/or re accordar	endors offering for Purchase of Equipment 2-8) are required to provide maintenance service epair service and repair parts (SIN 132-12), in noce with normal industry practices, for the type ment offered.			
71 I	Office Furniture	711-4*	Blueprint Filing Cabinets *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
		711-5*	Card Files *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
		711-6*	Form Files *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
		711-19	Stacking Chairs, Folding Chairs, and Dollies or Trucks Designed to Support Stacking and Folding Chairs			
		711-20*	Display and Communication Boards, Wall Stations, Lecterns, and Accessories *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			

Schedule Number and Title		Special Item Numbers (SINs)			
71 III Special Use Furniture		Preschool and Classroom Storage			
	71-304*	Lecterns *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
	71-306*	Mail Sorting and Distribution Furniture *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
	71-307	Mail Lock Boxes			
	71-311	Modular Electronic Equipment Cabinets			
	71-312*	Hazardous Materials Storage *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
	71-313	Museum Storage			
	71-314	Hospital Beds and Accessories			
	71-315	Hospital Patient Room Furniture			
	71-317*	Convalescent Chairs *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns			
	71-318	Patient Service Systems			
	71-394	Reconfiguration Services—Disassembling and Reassembling of Existing Furniture Components			
	71-395	Installation Services			
73 Food Service, Hospitality, Cleaning Equipment and Supplies, Chemicals,		Cleaning Equipment and Accessories, Cleaning Chemicals and Sorbents, and Janitorial Supplies			
and Services		Vacuum Cleaner Machines—Canister Type			
	375-103	Vacuum Cleaner Machines—Upright Type			
	375-107	Vacuum Cleaner Machines—Portable, Hand Type			
	375-117	Carpet Cleaner Machines—Shampooers, Extractors			
	375-125	Carpet Cleaner Sweepers and Scrubbers— Walk Behind Type			
	375-129	Floor Cleaner Machines—Scrubbers, Strippers, Polishers, Burnishers			
	375-135	Machine Accessories and Attachments			
	375-139	Repair and Replacement Parts for Cleaning Equipment			
	375-200	Janitorial Supplies—Mops, Buckets, Wringers, Squeegees, Brooms, Brushes, Sponges, Scouring Pads, Wiping Rags, Cleaning Cloths, Polishing Pads, and Related Items			
	375-321	Powdered and Liquid Machine Warewashing (Dishwashing) Compounds and Rinse Additives			

Schedule Number and Title		Special Item Numbers (SINs)				
73	Food Service, Hospitality, Cleaning Equipment and Supplies, Chemicals,	375-323	Powdered and Liquid Laundry Cleaners and Dry Cleaning Chemicals			
	and Services (continued)	375-341	Floor and Carpet Chemical Products			
		375-351	Sorbents, Non-Marine Usage, Type I (Non-hazardous and Non-toxic Organic Spills)			
		375-352	Sorbents, Non-Marine Usage, Type II (Hazardous and Toxic Organic Spills			
		375-353	Sorbents, Marine Usage, Type III (Non-water Soluable)			
		375-355	Sorbent Accessories			
		375-356	Sweeping Compounds			
		375-363	Cleaners/Degreasers (Water and/or Solvent Based Detergents)			
		375-364	Cleaners/Degreasers and Polishers (1,1,1 Tricloroethane CFC Replacement for Industrial/Electrical Applications)			
		375-368	Rubber Cleaning Gloves			
		375-371	Chemical Dispensing Equipment and Systems			
		375-372	Cleaning Chemicals Used With Dispensing Systems			
		375-391	Auto Cleaners/Polishers, Air Fresheners, and Windshield Care			
		375-393	Tire Care: Tire/Wheel Dressings, Tire Cleaners/Protectants, Tire Sealants, Road Hazard Kits, and Battery Mats			
		Recyclin	g Collection Containers and Waste Receptacles			
		384-2	Office Recycling Containers and Waste Receptacles			
		384-4	Outdoor Recycling Containers and Waste Receptacles			
		384-9	Industrial Trash Storage Containers			
75	Office Products/Supplies and Services	75-85	Restroom Products			
78	Sports, Promotional, Outdoor,	Sports a	nd More			
	Recreational, Trophies, and Signs (SPORTS)	192-02	Sporting Goods Equipment and Supplies			
		192-08	Fitness Equipment			
		192-09	Turfs, Greens, and Sports Floors			
		192-19	Poolside—Includes Swimming Pool Equipment and Supplies			
		192-41	Sounds of Music—Musical Instruments, Accessories, and Spare Parts			

Schedul	e Number and Title	Special Item Numbers (SINs)			
78 Sports, Promotional, Outdoor, Recreational, Trophies, and Signs		192-42	Child's Play—Toys, Preschool Aids, Games, Crafts, and Hobbies		
(SP	ORTS) (continued)	192-45 Sports Clothing and Accessories			
Note: The following SINs have been removed from the MAS Express Program:			Fun in the Great Outdoors, Including Park and Outdoor Recreational Equipment		
192-99	Introduction of New	192-33 A	Camping and Hiking Equipment		
102.004	Services/Products—Athletic Clothing, Recreational Equipment, and Musical Instruments	192-37 B*	Park and Recreational Tables, Benches, Outdoor Pool and Patio Furniture and Bleachers, Including Replacement Parts		
192-99A	Services/Products—Park and	192-37 I	*Set Aside for Small Business Concerns  Park and Playground Equipment		
	Outdoor Recreational Equipment, and Wheel and Track Vehicles	251-1	Wheel and Track Vehicles		
366-99	ntroduction of New Services/Products—Signs and	251-6	Utility Vehicles, Unlicensed, Off-Road, Automotive Design		
402-99	Safety Products Introduction of New Services/Products—Trophies, Awards, Presentations, Promotional Products, and Briefcases/Carrying Cases	251-13	Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers with Ancillary Services (excludes construction)		
		251-22	Recreational Watercraft		
		Signs and Safety Zone Products			
		<b>366-11</b> Signs			
		366-12	Safety Zone Products		
		366-90	Ancillary Services Related to Signs and Safety Zone Products (excludes construction)		
			Awards, Presentations, Promotional Products, cases/Carrying Cases		
		366-22	Trade Show Displays, Exhibit Systems, and Related Products and Ancillary Services		
	4	366-23	Flags, Banners, Pennants, and Related Products		
		402-5*	Awards, Plaques, Trophies, Ribbons, Medals, Lapel Pins, Badges, Buttons and Patches, and Related Products *Set Aside for Small Business Concerns		
		402-7	Pens and Writing Instruments; Rulers; Tape Measures; Magnets; Stress Indicators; Key Tags; Key Rings; Luggage Tags; Pocket Tools; Ice Scrapers; Mugs, Glassware, Plates and Bowls Suitable for Engraving; Imprintable Planners; Portfolios; Calculators; Briefcases, Carrying Cases, Bags, and Accessories; Computer Accessories, including Mouse Pads, Wrist Rests, and Related Products		

Schedule Number and Title	Special Item Numbers (SINs)		
81 I B Shipping, Packaging, and Packing Supplies	617-1	Bags and Sacks; Shipping Paper; Closed Cell Plastic Film; Reinforced, Cushioned, and Barrier Material	
<b>Note:</b> The following SIN has been <b>removed</b> from the MAS Express Program:		Bottles, Jars, Boxes, Cartons, Crates, Containers, and Metal Drums	
617-8 New Technology (New or improved product directly related to items under	617-3	Wrapping and Strapping Materials	
this Schedule)	617-4	Packaging and Packing Bulk Materials	
	617-5	Performance Oriented Packaging (POP)— Plastic Overpack and Hazardous Material Packaging	
	617-7	Aluminum Foil	
	617-10	Packaging Services	
	617-11	Maintenance, Repair, and Modification of Containers	
	617-12	Pallets, Plastic and Wood	
599 Travel Services Solutions	599-1	Travel Consulting Services	
899 Environmental Services	899-1	Environmental Planning Services and Documentation	
	899-2	Environmental Compliance Services	
	899-3	Environmental Occupational Training Services	
		Waste Management Services	
		Reclamation, Recycling, and Disposal Services	
	899-6	Remote Advisory Services (in support of environmental programs)	
	899-7	Geographic Information Services (in support of environmental programs)	
	899-8	Remediation Services	

Through the use of a centralized Schedule Program Express Evaluation Desk (SPEED Desk), GSA intends to standardize and expedite the initial review and qualification of offers. Upon completion of its initial review and qualification of an offer, the SPEED Desk will immediately notify the Offeror as to whether the offer meets the minimum criteria for consideration under the MAS Express Program and, if not, the options available to the Offeror. By expediting this turnaround time for the initial review and qualification of an offer, as well as providing the Offeror with rapid feedback, the overall time required to review, evaluate, negotiate (if necessary), and award an MAS contract should be greatly reduced.

Offerors are advised that meeting the minimum criteria for the MAS Express Program does <u>not</u> guarantee the award of an MAS contract. Although the criteria identified in these Instructions to Offerors supersede any *corresponding* requirements in individual solicitations, offers that qualify for the MAS Express Program must still meet all *additional* criteria identified in the applicable Schedule solicitation.

## **Offer Submission Options**

**IMPORTANT:** While all offers may be submitted in paper format, GSA is in the process of implementing the electronic submission of offers using Express eOffer. See the "Electronic Submission" instructions, below, for information regarding Express eOffer. At the present time, offers accepted under the MAS Express Program via Express eOffer are limited to the specific Schedules and associated SINs identified on the eOffer website at <a href="http://eoffer.gsa.gov">http://eoffer.gsa.gov</a>. Offerors are advised that each offer may be submitted in only one format. Offers submitted in both electronic and in paper formats will <a href="http://eoffer.gsa.gov">not</a> be considered.

Electronic Submission: For those Schedules accepting electronic submissions, offers may
be submitted using <a href="Express eOffer">Express eOffer</a>, a web based application that allows Offerors to prepare and
submit their offers under the MAS Express Program electronically. Access to Express eOffer is
available at <a href="http://eoffer.gsa.gov">http://eoffer.gsa.gov</a>, by clicking on the "Sign In" box under <a href="Express Offers">Express Offers</a>
(eOffers). GSA highly encourages the use of Express eOffer to further expedite the review
process.

**Note:** Offerors are advised that "Express" eOffer is <u>different</u> from eOffer; Express eOffer allows electronic submission of offers *under the MAS Express Program*, while eOffer simply allows electronic submission of offers for *standard offer processing*. Offerors should ensure that the **Express Offers (eOffers)** block is selected.

**IMPORTANT:** Offerors are advised that when using Express eOffer, once the offer is submitted electronically, the offer is "locked" in the system until GSA completes its review. The only information that may be changed prior to the completion of the review is the company point of contact and/or authorized negotiator. Offers submitted electronically may be withdrawn at any time prior to contract award.

Offerors using Express eOffer must comply with all the requirements of the MAS Express Program identified below, with the following exceptions:

- The requirement for two copies applies to paper offers only and does <u>not</u> apply to Express eOffers.
- The requirement for submission of the Vendor Checklist (Attachment 1) does <u>not</u> apply to Express eOffers.
- Paper Submission: Offerors <u>must</u> submit an original and one copy of their entire offers, as well as two copies of the completed <u>Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Express Program Vendor Checklist (Attachment 1)</u>. The Checklist should clearly—
  - ➤ Indicate "Yes," "No," or "N/A" (not applicable) responses for all items and, where requested, the location of an item in the offer;
  - Identify all offered SINs;
  - Affirm that the Offeror takes no exceptions to the terms and conditions of the solicitation; and
  - Indicate that the Offeror has addressed all of the applicable evaluation criteria in the Vendor Checklist in the affirmative, with the exception of the current ratio and the approved subcontracting plan, which require no response.

The Vendor Checklist will be used by the SPEED Desk to complete its initial review and qualification of all offers submitted under the MAS Express Program.

#### Basic Requirement—Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)

#### **Core Criteria**

The "Core Criteria" for the MAS Express Program are identified below:

- The Offeror has been in business for at least two years.
- The Offeror has a minimum of \$100,000 in sales (cumulative sales primarily or entirely commercial) during the last two years.
  - <u>Submission with Offer:</u> The Offeror should submit sufficient documentation to support an affirmative response that it has a minimum of \$100,000 in sales (cumulative sales primarily or entirely commercial) during the preceding two years. Such documentation may include, but is not limited to, financial statements and invoices.
- The Offeror has a minimum current ratio of 1.5 for offers submitted under all participating Schedules and SINs (with the exception of Schedule 48, SIN 653-8, which requires a minimum current ratio of 1.2).
  - The minimum current ratio is based upon the Offeror's most current year's financial statement (income and balance sheets) and is calculated by dividing the Offeror's current assets by its current liabilities.
- The Offeror has positive and/or neutral ratings on <u>all</u> elements on its Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation Report.
  - Under an Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation, Open Ratings, a Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Company, conducts an independent audit of customer references and calculates a rating based upon a statistical analysis of various performance data and survey responses. While some solicitations do contain the form to request an Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation, the Offeror may request the evaluation directly from Open Ratings by placing an order online at <a href="https://www.ppereports.com">www.ppereports.com</a>.

<u>Submission with Offer:</u> The Offeror must submit two copies of its application for an Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation, along with two *color* copies of the Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation Report. Open Ratings requests that customers provide 20 references in order to ensure that sufficient responses are received to successfully generate a report. Under the MAS Express Program, the Offer must submit a sufficient number of references in its application to ensure that Open Ratings receives responses from at least four references. The Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation Report is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

In order to be considered for the MAS Express Program, the Offeror must meet <u>all</u> core criteria. If one or more of the core criteria are not met, the offer will <u>not</u> meet the minimum criteria for the MAS Express Program. The SPEED Desk will then reject the offer and return it to the Offeror, with an explanation as to the deficient core criteria. Such action does not preclude the Offeror from submitting its offer to the applicable Acquisition Center/Office for standard offer processing. In order to facilitate any subsequent submission for standard offer processing, the SPEED Desk will also identify any deficiencies noted in the secondary criteria, so that the Offeror can address those deficiencies prior to submission to the appropriate Acquisition Center/Office.

#### **Secondary Criteria**

The "Secondary Criteria" for the MAS Express Program are identified below:

• The Offeror has registered in the <u>Central Contractor Registration (CCR)</u> database, and the CCR registration is up-to-date. The CCR collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of agency acquisition missions. The Offeror must be registered in the CCR prior to the award of a Schedule contract. Access to the CCR is available at <a href="http://www.ccr.gov">http://www.ccr.gov</a>.

Note: In order to register in the CCR database, the Offeror must have a <u>Data Universal</u> <u>Numbering System (DUNS) Number</u>. The DUNS Number is a unique nine character identification number provided by Dun & Bradstreet. The DUNS website at <a href="http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform">http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform</a> contains information for the Offeror to obtain a DUNS Number by telephone or via the Internet.

- The Offeror has completed the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) in its entirety. ORCA was developed as an Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) E-Government initiative designed to reduce the administrative burden on Offerors to submit the same paper-based representations and certifications repeatedly for various solicitations. As of January 1, 2005, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.12 requires prospective contractors to complete electronic annual representations and certifications via the ORCA website at <a href="https://orca.bpn.gov">https://orca.bpn.gov</a>, and to update the representations and certifications as necessary, but at least annually to ensure they are kept current, accurate, and complete.
- The Offeror has only offered Special Item Numbers (SINs) that have been approved for the MAS Express Program—see preceding table. For paper submission of offers, the offered SINs are identified in the Vendor Checklist.
- The Offeror has completed the "Pathway to Success" education seminar, by attending either a "live" presentation or completing the web based presentation posted on the <u>Vendor Support Center (VSC)</u> under the "Vendor Training" tab. Access to the VSC is available at <a href="http://vsc.gsa.gov">http://vsc.gsa.gov</a>. Pathway to Success is designed to assist prospective MAS contractors in making an informed decision as to whether obtaining an MAS contract is right for them. The presentation provides background information on the MAS Program, as well as GSA's expectations for an Offeror to become a successful MAS contractor, and information regarding how to compete and succeed in the Government marketplace. Other topics of discussion include how to develop an MAS-specific business plan, and how to submit a quality offer.

<u>Submission with Offer:</u> At the completion of the Pathway to Success education seminar, the Offeror will receive a certificate. Two copies of the certificate <u>must</u> be submitted with the offer. The Pathway to Success Certificate is valid for one year from completion of the education seminar; i.e., the Offeror must submit its offer within the one-year period during which the certificate is valid. If the offer is not submitted during this one-year period, the Offeror must complete a new Pathway to Success education seminar in order to be eligible to participate under the MAS Express Program. The employee who completed Pathway to Success must still be employed by the Offeror at the time of offer submission.

- The Offeror has submitted two copies of a signed, completed Standard Form (SF) 1449, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items, under the most recent solicitation refresh.
- The Offeror has completed all fill-in clauses/provisions.

Fill-in clauses/provisions include, but are not limited to-

- Scope of Contract;
- Ordering Information;
- Contact for Contract Administration;
- Contractor's Remittance (Payment) Address;
- Authorized Negotiators; and
- Place of Performance.
- The Offeror has submitted two copies of its current, dated, commercial pricelist/catalog and/or established pricing accompanied by invoices or other documentation to substantiate proposed pricing.
- The Offeror has submitted two copies of its completed Commercial Sales Practices Format (CSP).

The instructions for submission of the Commercial Sales Practices Format, along with the actual document, are included in the solicitation. *The Offeror is strongly advised to thoroughly review the Commercial Sales Practices Format and corresponding instructions in the applicable solicitation, in order to fully respond to all solicitation requirements.* Further information regarding the submission of discounts, concessions, and pricing policies is contained in General Services

Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) clause <u>552.212-70</u>, <u>Preparation of Offer (Multiple Award Schedule)</u>.

 The Offeror has proposed items that are within the scope of the identified Schedule Special Item Numbers (SINs).

*Note:* For an item to be "within the scope" means that the proposed item falls within the generic description of the Special Item Number identified in the Schedule solicitation. The Offeror is advised that a final determination as to whether the items offered are within the scope of the Schedule solicitation SINs will be made, at a subsequent date, by the appropriate Acquisition Center/Office.

- The Offeror has submitted two color copies of the report from Open Ratings indicating the results
  of its Past Performance Evaluation.
- The Offeror has submitted two copies of at least one year of its **most current** financial statement (income and balance sheets).
- The Offeror has proposed 500 or fewer products/labor categories and has numbered its products/labor categories in order to facilitate the SPEED Desk review of this criteria.
- The Offeror, if other than the manufacturer, has submitted two copies of the manufacturers' pricelists.
- The Offeror, if other than the manufacturer, has submitted two copies of Letters of Supply—using the required template (Attachment 2)—for each manufacturer whose products are offered. The required template must constitute the *first page* of the Letter of Supply and is, in itself, sufficient to meet the criteria. Suppliers may, at their discretion, include additional language in their Letters of Supply, *provided that* such language does not contradict any statement in the template.
- The Offeror has proposed equal to or better than most favored customer pricing.
- The Offeror has taken **no exceptions** to the terms and conditions of the solicitation.

In addition to checking the appropriate box, the Offeror is required to insert the company name and initial the affirmative statement at the bottom of the second page of the Vendor Checklist (Attachment 1).

The Offeror, if a large business concern, has submitted a complete subcontracting plan.

In accordance with <u>Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.702(a)(1)</u> and <u>General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) 519.705-2(a)</u>, a small business subcontracting plan is required from a large business concern whose estimated dollar value of the proposed Schedule contract, *including options*, is expected to exceed \$550,000. The specific <u>requirements of a subcontracting plan</u> are identified in FAR 19.704.

Attachment 3, GSA Subcontracting Goals (How to do the math calculations), is provided to assist the Offeror in computing the dollars and percentages to be subcontracted to each category of business concern.

- The Offeror has inserted the company name and initialed the statement confirming that the
  Offeror has addressed all of the applicable evaluation criteria indicated on the Vendor Checklist in
  the affirmative, with the exception of a successful financial review and approval of a
  subcontracting plan. (Not Applicable to Express eOffer.)
- The Offeror has submitted complete technical and price proposals (if applicable) that include all elements required by the solicitation.

**IMPORTANT:** Additional eligibility criteria may apply. The Offeror **must review and adhere to** the criteria outlined in the MAS Express Program Instructions to Offerors specific to the Schedule solicitation under which the offer is submitted.

As noted above, if <u>all</u> of the core criteria are met, the Offeror meets the basic eligibility criteria for consideration under the MAS Express Program. If, however, one or more of the secondary criteria are deficient, the SPEED Desk will reject the offer and return it to the Offeror, with an explanation as to the deficient secondary criteria. This rejection does <u>not</u> preclude the Offeror from resubmitting the offer for consideration under the MAS Express Program, once all identified deficiencies have been addressed.

**IMPORTANT:** Offerors meeting the basic eligibility criteria for the MAS Express Program are advised that their offers will undergo further evaluation by the appropriate Acquisition Center/Office. GSA may, at any time, request additional information in order ensure that all solicitation requirements have been addressed. Such requested information may include additional pricing/discount information in order for GSA to make a price reasonableness determination. Offerors are also advised that their proposals may still be subject to negotiation, and may be rejected and returned at any time during the evaluation process.

#### SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

- Electronic Submissions: Offers submitted in electronic format under the MAS Express
   Program utilizing Express eOffer are transmitted via the eOffer website at <a href="http://eoffer.gsa.gov">http://eoffer.gsa.gov</a>.
- **Paper Submissions:** Offers submitted in paper format under the MAS Express Program should be sent to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration Attention: "SPEED" 230 S. Dearborn Street, Room 3486 Chicago, IL 60604

For questions regarding a particular Schedule solicitation, Offerors are advised to contact the points of contact listed for the specific solicitation in FedBizOpps or in the actual solicitation document. For questions specifically related to the MAS Express Program, Offerors are advised to contact the SPEED Desk on (312) 886-8897.

# Attachment 1: Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Express Program Vendor Checklist Please check only one: □Large Business □Small Business Please check one or more (as applicable): □Manufacturer □Dealer □Service Provider Disqualification **Location In Offer** (Page Number and/or Attachment Number) Offeror: Does Not Appear on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) (If the Offeror does not appear, this □Yes □No should be answered as "Yes") **Core Criteria** Offeror: Has Been in Business for at Least Two Years □Yes □No Has a Minimum of \$100,000 in Sales (Cumulative Sales Primarily or Entirely Commercial) During the Last Two Years □Yes □No Has a Minimum Current Ratio of 1.5\* Based on Most Current Year's Financial Statement (\*1.2 for Schedule 48, SIN 653-8) Has Positive and/or Neutral Ratings on ALL Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation Report Elements □Yes □No **Secondary Criteria** Offeror: Has Registered and Registration is Up-to-Date in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) □Yes □No Has Completed Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) □Yes □No Has Offered Approved SINs □Yes □No Please Identify Offered SINs

Secondary Criteria (continued)			Location In Offer (Page Number and/or Attachment Number)
Has Completed the "Pathway to Success" and Included Certificate	□Yes □No	)	
Has Submitted a Signed SF1449 Under the Most Recent Solicitation Refresh	□Yes □No	)	
Has Completed All Required Fill-In Clauses	□Yes □No	)	
Has a Current, Dated, Commercial Pricelist/Catalog and/or Established Pricing Accompanied by Invoices or Other Documentation to Substantiate Proposed Pricing	□Yes □No	)	
Has Submitted a Complete Commercial Sales Practices Format (CSP)	□Yes □No	)	
Has Offered Items that are Within the Scope of the Proposed Schedule/SINs	□Yes □No	)	
Has Submitted Open Ratings Past Performance Evaluation Report Results	□Yes □No	)	
Has Submitted at Least One Year of Most Current Financial Statement (Income and Balance Sheets)	□Yes □No	)	
Has Proposed 500 or Fewer Products/Labor Categories	□Yes □No	)	
Has Submitted Manufacturers' Pricelists (if applicable)	□Yes □No	DN/A	
Has Submitted Letters of Supply Using Required Template	□Yes □No	DN/A	
Has Offered Equal To or Better Than Most Favored Customer Pricing	□Yes □No	)	
Has Taken No Exceptions to the Terms and Conditions of the Solicitation	□Yes □No	)	·
Has Submitted a Complete Subcontracting Plan (if Offeror is a large business)	□Yes □No	DN/A	
Has Approved Subcontracting Plan (if Offeror is a large business)			
Has Submitted a Complete Technical Proposal (if applicable) that Includes All Elements Required by the Solicitation	□Yes □No	o □N/A	
Has Submitted a Complete Price Proposal (if applicable) that Includes All Elements Required by the Solicitation	□Yes □No	o □N/A	
Has Submitted Additional Eligibility Criteria Outlined in the MAS Express Program Instructions to Offerors Specific to the Schedule Solicitation Under Which the Offer is Submitted	□Yes □No	o □N/A	
[Offeror Name] takes no exceptions to the Terms and Conditions of this solicitation.	[Ini	tial]	
[Offeror Name] has addressed all of the applicable evaluation criteria in the affirmative. Please note that the current ratio and approved subcontracting plan require no response.	[Ini	tial]	

## **Attachment 2: Letter of Supply Template**

[Submitted on Supplier Letterhead]

[Supplier Name] [Supplier Point of Contact (POC)] [Address]

Re: Letter of Supply

Dear [Offeror POC],

This Letter of Supply is in reference to the offer that [Offeror Name] submitted in response to the General Services Administration's Solicitation [Solicitation Number].

In the event that [Offeror Name] is awarded a Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contract under the aforementioned solicitation number, [Supplier Name] can guarantee an uninterrupted source of supply, with sufficient quantities of product, for the duration of the base contract period.

[Supplier Name] understands that all products and services that are offered on MAS contracts must be compliant with the Trade Agreements Act (TAA) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq.) As such, all products supplied by [Supplier Name] to [Offeror Name] will be TAA compliant. You will be notified immediately upon discovery of any changes in the Country of Origin of supplied products.

The person whose signature appears below is authorized to make the commitments noted above.

Sincerely,

[Signed by a company official authorized to make the commitment]

\*The above is a mandatory template and will constitute the first page of the Letter of Supply. Although the content of the template is sufficient, Suppliers may attach additional verbiage in subsequent pages as long as the verbiage does not contradict the statements made above.

\*Please note that "Supplier" name is synonymous with "Manufacturer" and/or "Distributor."

### Attachment 3: GSA SUBCONTRACTING GOALS

(How to do the math calculations)

- Goals must be stated in both dollars (\$) and percentages (%).
- The contractor must state the estimated total subcontracting dollars planned to be subcontracted
  to all types of business concerns, then state <u>separately</u> the total dollars that will be subcontracted
  to each category (large business, small business, HUBZone small business, small
  disadvantaged business (SDB), women-owned small business (WOSB), veteran-owned small
  business (VOSB), and service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) concerns).
- The Small business dollar amount must include all subgroup category amounts; i.e., HUBZone, SDB, WOSB, VOSB, SDVOSB (plus any "other small" businesses that do not fall within one of these specified subgroups).
- The dollar amounts planned for subcontracting to Small, HUBZone, SDB, WOSB, VOSB, and SDVOSB concerns must be expressed in the subcontracting plan as percentages of the total subcontracting dollars to all concerns. \*Only the large plus all small should equal the total.

The Dollars shown below are only examples; however, the percentages shown are the actual GSA goals for FY 2006 and 2007. (To review prime or subcontract goals online, visit the SBA website at <a href="www.sba.gov/GC/goals">www.sba.gov/GC/goals</a> and select the appropriate fiscal year link.)

	<u>D</u>	<u>ollars</u>	Percen	tage
Total dollars to be subcontracted (to both Large and Small Businesses)	\$1	00,000	100%	, D
*To <b>Large</b> Businesses	\$	63,000*	*63%	
*To all Small Businesses (includes HUBZone Small, Small Disadvantaged, Women-Owned Small, Veteran-Owned Small, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small, and Other Small Business Concerns)	\$	37,000*	*37%	
To HUBZone Small Businesses	\$	3,000	3%	D
To Small Disadvantaged Businesses	\$	6,000	6%	
To Women-Owned Small Businesses	\$	5,000	5%	•
To Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (includes SDVOSB below in this total)	\$	5,000	5%	) )
To Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses	\$	3,000	3%	)

*NOTE:* The total \$37,000 to **all Small** businesses already **includes** each <u>subgroup</u> (HUBZone, SDB, WOSB, VOSB, and SDVOSB), plus <u>other small</u> businesses that are only small and do not fall into a specified category. Do **not** add together subgroups to reach the total Small figure, as the same dollars can be double and triple counted for each group as applicable to the company receiving the order.