

#### LEASE DELEGATIONS

- Current Regulation FMR Bulletin 2005-B1
- Types of Lease Acquisition
   Delegations
- Delegation Letter
- Agency Requirements
- ◆ Contact Info
- Background and History



#### FPMR FMR

- FPMR migrates to FMR (Federal Management Regulations)
   December 13, 2002
- Cross-refers FPMR at 41 CFR 101-18
   to FMR at 41 CFR 102-73
- Significant re-write of delegations programs in a Q&A format
- 3 types of delegations



# Where do I find delegations info?

- Delegations of Leasing Authority
- 102-73.135— When may agencies that do not possess independent leasing authority lease space?
- More slides later on the delegation types available



#### Current Influence

- Executive Order No. 13327, Federal Real Property Asset Management
- Dated February 4, 2004
- Promotes efficient and economical use of Federal real property resources
- Agencies to establish performance measures addressing cost, value and efficiency
- Agencies using GSA delegation must apply these measures to their acquisitions



### Latest Changes

- FMR Bulletin 2005-B1
- Published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2005
- Reemphasizes and updates notification and reporting requirements previously in effect
- GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239 and its Supplement 1 are canceled and superseded by 2005-B1



- General Purpose
- Categorical
- Special Purpose



#### General Purpose

- Can't Beat GSA Leasing/Provider of Choice (CB/POC) delegations fall into this category
- CB/POC is a standing delegation of authority
- Other actions may require another type of general purpose delegation
- Delegations issued on a project by project basis



#### General Purpose

- CB/POC is a standing delegation of leasing authority to the agencies [uses FMR 102-72.30(b)]
- Agencies inform us of their decision to use this standing delegation of authority
- We review info to determine if their project meets CB/POC parameters and basically agree with their use of it



#### General Purpose—Others

- Agencies may request a general purpose delegation for projects which do not meet the parameters for the CB/POC standing delegation [uses FMR 102-73.135(c)]
- e.g. If an agency wants to do a prospectus level lease using GSA leasing authority, the Administrator can delegate leasing authority for that project.



- Categorical
  - A standing delegation of authority for a particular type of space.
  - All federal agencies may use it.
  - Terms, including all options, up to 20 years
  - See FMR 102-73.150 for categories (antennas, depots, docks, fumigation, greenhouses, hangars, hospitals, etc.)



- Special Purpose
  - A standing delegation of authority to a specific agency for their own special purpose space
  - Terms, including all options, up to 20 years unless delegation authority says otherwise
  - See FMR 102-73.165 through 102-73.220 for agencies and their special purpose spaces



# General and Special Purpose Delegation Letters

- Agency must ask relevant ARA in writing whether suitable federally-controlled space is available
- Terms, including all options, up to 20 years unless delegation letter says otherwise
- Must be compatible with GSA community housing plans for new federal construction of suitable space that will become available
- GSA responds in writing and advises agency as to any limiting factors



# When and what info agency provides for General Purpose Delegation?

- Before instituting any new, succeeding, superseding action
- Agency provides name of contracting officer
- Contracting Officer to be registered in ACMIS
- Agency provides limited acquisition plan meeting requirements of GSAM Part 507.1
- If use of authority granted and agency decides not to exercise, must notify ARA in writing



# What must GSA include in a Delegation Letter?

- Reply to the delegation request in writing
- Notify that no suitable federallycontrolled space is available (if the case)
- State any limiting conditions such as lease term to avoid conflicts with community housing plans



# Agency Requirements

- For General, Categorical or Special Purpose Space delegations:
  - Agency must have prior written confirmation from the ARA before relocating from GSA-controlled federal or leased space
  - Lease action cannot exceed prospectus threshold
  - Redelegation may only be made to those fully meeting the experience and training requirements of the COWP as specified in GSAM 501.603-1



- For General, Categorical or Special Purpose Space delegations:
  - Must acquire and utilize in accordance with all applicable laws, regs, etc.
  - Agencies must maintain capacity to support all delegated leasing activities, including warranted CO, legal review and oversight, M&I, cost estimation, lease mgmt and admin, program oversight
  - Acquire space at prevailing market rates
  - Accountability through agency's senior Real Property Officer



- For General, Categorical or Special Purpose Space delegations applicable laws and regs include, but are not limited to:
  - Competition in Contracting Act
  - Federal Management Regulations
  - Executive Order No. 12072
  - Executive Order No. 13006
  - Executive Order No. 13327
  - Davis-Bacon Act
  - OMB Circular A-11 (Scoring)
  - GSAM



- For General, Categorical or Special Purpose Space delegations:
  - GSA retains right to assess integrity of each lease action as well as capability of agency to perform all delegated leasing activities and may revoke delegation
  - Leasing performance info now required on all categories of lease delegations



- For General, Categorical or Special Purpose Space delegations:
  - Semi-annual reports due April 30 and October 31 to OGP (email to real.property@gsa.gov)
  - 9 elements to report on



# Additional Requirements for General Purpose Delegations

- Upon award, agency must provide to GSA Regional Office:
  - Notification of the award date and location of property
  - Documentation that the rental rate is within prevailing market rates or explanation why it exceeds
  - 18 months advance notice of lease expiration if there is a continuing need for space and agency wishes to use delegation again



#### REMEMBER

- No GSA delegation provides authorization to other agencies to:
  - Conduct procurements on behalf of other agencies
  - Collect rent from other agencies
- See FMR Bulletin 2005-B1 (4)(a).
- Exceptions are projects for Interior and USDA under Service First Act



#### SERVICE FIRST ACT

- Allows Interior and USDA agencies to handle procurements so their agencies may co-locate to better serve their customers
- Agencies may bill the other for the space
- Public Law 106-291. Dated October 11, 2000. Sec. 330. 43 USC 1701.
- H.R. 109-080, page 176 Section 428 extends program through FY 2008
- http://www.fs.fed.us/servicefirst/legisla tion.htm



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- http://www.gsa.gov/gsa/cm\_attachments/ GSA\_DOCUMENT/FMR\_R2iD3U\_0Z5RDZ-i34K-pR.pdf
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#### Additional Information Evolution of General Purpose Delegation Program



# Evolution of General Purpose Delegation Program

- Program has undergone several iterations and refinements since October 1996
- Following slides provide a brief overview



### Early Barram Letter

- Sept 26, 1996 Barram letter to heads of agencies describing program
- Program effective Oct 14, 1996
- 6 conditions stated in addendum to letter



# Early Peck Letter

- November 15, 1996 Peck letter with addendum
- Addendum has 9 conditions plus 4 reporting requirements
- Reflects that House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure directs that delegation is only for below prospectus for FY97.



#### GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239

- Published in the Federal Register on October 16, 1996
- Announced a new GSA leasing program called ``Can't Beat GSA Leasing''



#### GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239

- Agency contacts GSA ARA/PBS to determine whether suitable Governmentcontrolled space is available.
- Can move from GSA-controlled space when ARA confirms suitable space cannot be provided.
- Prospectus (prepared by GSA) approved by Congressional Committees.



#### GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239

- Re-delegation may be made to someone adequately trained as lease contracting officers
- Must acquire and utilize space in accordance with all applicable laws and regs
- Agencies to periodically provide GSA with leasing performance info to OGP



# GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239 Supplement 1

- Published in the Federal Register on December 18, 1996
- Issued supporting information for the delegation.



# GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239 Supplement 1

- Reiterates use of adequately trained lease contracting officers for procurements
- Provides list of courses needed
- Agencies using the delegation asked to provide OGP with leasing performance data semi-annually.
- First report due April 30, 1997



# GSA Bulletin FPMR D-239 Supplement 1

- Provides address to send reports
- Report to have disk and spreadsheet
- Lists 15 criteria to report to OGP



#### Another Letter

- March 19, 1997 letter to agencies
- Makes the prohibition on prospectus leases permanent
- Lists 9 criteria to follow for acquisition
- Includes ability to do 20 year term
- Agencies must notify GSA 1 year before their lease expires



#### 41 CFR 101-18

- Acquisition of Real Property was in 41 CFR 101-18 of the FPMR (Federal Property Management Regulations)
- Included certain delegations info such as:
  - Categorical (recruiting offices, certain special agricultural activities)
  - Special purpose (for USDA, Commerce & Defense to lease outside urban centers)
- FMR changed parts of the FPMR regarding delegations