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To: All VA Federal Supply Schedule Customers:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (OA&MM) has an alliance with General Services Administration (GSA) to maintain product data in GSA's online electronic ordering system, [GSA Advantage!](#) The VA/GSA partnership now makes it possible for VA healthcare facilities to shop for and order healthcare products via the Internet. When you shop [GSA Advantage!](#) you can:

- Search for contract information using Schedules E-Library
- Search for product/service items using keywords, part numbers, National Stock Numbers, supplier names, contract numbers
- Compare features, prices, and delivery options and even see photos of what the products look like
- Place orders directly on-line with Government credit card or GSA-assigned Activity Address Code (AAC)
- View order history to track status, reorder, or cancel, and more!

Currently, the VA is working with its Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contract holders to bring their product information on-line. Products from schedules such as Medical Equipment & Supplies, Dental Equipment & Supplies Patient Mobility Devices (Including Wheelchairs, Scooters, Walkers), and Invitro Diagnostics/ Reagents/Test Kits are now available for on-line ordering.

Today, you can use the free services of [GSA Advantage eBuy](#), the electronic Request For Quote system that lets you the Federal government buyer can appropriately aggregate requirements and in doing so achieve greater discounts on FSS product prices or issue an RFQ for services that includes a statement of work and related information so that you can make the "Best Value" selection. All RFQ's are posted electronically at the [GSA Advantage!](#) eBuy site and FSS contractors can register to receive electronic notices for as many product/service categories that they wish to. The service clearly describes on-line, the rules for participating in any [GSA Advantage eBuy](#) bid. Some of the rules include:

- Only FSS contract products can be offered in response to any E-Buy RFQ;
- Bidders may quote all or part of the requirement;
- Bids must be good for at least 7 days;
- Bidders may lower their bid anytime prior to closing;
- Bidders may not see the number of other bidders nor the number of e-mails sent out for quote; and
- Bidder may contact the buyer if clarification is needed/there are questions (e-mail address included)