

#### **U.S. General Services Administration**



# **Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program**



GSA plays a critical role in providing disaster recovery products and services to federal agencies. Now state and local governments can also benefit from the speed and savings of the Federal Supply Schedules.

Section 833 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007 provides state and local governments with access to **all** Federal Supply Schedules for the purchase of products and services to be used to facilitate recovery from a Presidentially declared disaster, terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

## Purchasing in Advance of a Disaster:

In the aftermath of emergency events, state or local governments' systems may be disrupted. Thus, use of Federal Supply Schedule contracts prior to these events to acquire products or services is authorized, as long as the products and services purchased will be used to facilitate recovery from a major disaster or act or terrorism.

State or local governments are responsible for ensuring that the products and services purchased under the Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program will be used to facilitate recovery from a major disaster.

## Purchasing via the Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program

- Voluntary Use
- Participation in the Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program is voluntary for both state and local governments and Schedule contractors.
- GSA Schedule contractors that agree to participate in the program, along with their available products and services, are identified in GSA eLibrary and on GSA Advantagel® with the DISATI icon. Orders may be placed directly with participating GSA Schedule contractors. Orders may also be placed through

the GSA *Advantage!*® online shopping and ordering system using a state or local government issued credit card.

### Competition

- While GSA recommends that state and local purchasing officials follow the Schedule ordering procedures in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.4 to ensure receiving the best value from GSA Schedule contractors, use of these procedures is not mandated by GSA.
- When purchasing from GSA Schedules, state and local government entities should follow the ordering and competitive procedures that meet their state and local procurement regulations.
- State and local entities may also post Requests for Information (RFIs) or Requests for Quote (RFQs), under the Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program, thru GSA's online request for quote tool, eBuy (www.gsa.gov/ebuy). Posting and competing requirements through GSA's eBuy allows for competition amongst the Schedule holders, as well as transparency in the acquisition process. State and local users must first register as a "State Government" customer through GSA Advantagel® in order to access eBuy.
- State or local entities that want to receive reimbursement from FEMA public assistance grants need to ensure that they are following the Stafford Act and FEMA public assistance program preferences and procedures. FEMA's fact sheet on the GSA Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program is posted on the FEMA website at: http://www.fema.gov/governmentgrant/pa/9500toc.shtm

For additional information on GSA Schedule ordering procedures, please visit www.gsa.gov/schedules-ordering.

To learn more, visit: www.gsa.gov/disasterrecovery

#### **GSA State and Local Resources**

The wealth of GSA's resources is not limited to federal agencies alone. Many state and local agencies can benefit from a variety of commercial products and services offered through GSA vehicles. This important aspect of GSA's mission is divided into seven distinct programs that provide access to important tools to help meet specific state and local objectives. To contact a GSA Customer Service Director in your region, please visit www.gsa.gov/csd.

	Eligible Activities	Legal Source	Program Use Guidelines	Resources
*Federal Grantee Access to Schedules in Response to Public Health Emergencies	State, Local, Tribal** and Territorial***** Governments	Section 40 U.S.C. § 501 (a)(1) provides that the Administrator of General Services shall take action for executive agencies to the extent that he determines that the action is advantageous to the Federal government in terms of economy, efficiency or service. This action includes the procurement, "and supply of personal property and nonpersonal services for executive agencies to use in the proper discharge of their responsibilities" 40 U.S.C. § 501 (b)(1)(A)	State, local, tribal and territorial governments may purchase from all Federal Supply Schedules, when expending Federal grant funds in response to declared Public Health Emergencies.	GSA Schedule contractors are available to search on GSA eLibrary at: www.gsa.gov/elibrary and commercial products and services offered by Schedule contractors can be found at: www.gsaadvantage.gov
*Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program www.gsa.gov/disasterrecovery	State and local Municipal Governments**	Section 833 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364)	State and local agencies may use GSA Schedules to purchase products and services before and after a major disaster as declared by the President.	State and local customers have access to all GSA eTools for market research, direct ordering or to place Requests for Information (RFI) and Requests for Quote (RFQ) under this program.***
*Cooperative Purchasing Program www.gsa.gov/cooperativepurchasing	State and local Municipal Governments**	Section 211 of the E-Government Act of 2002 and Public Law 110-248, Local Preparedness Acquisition Act	State and local agencies are granted access to products and services offered on Schedule 70, 84 and IT Special Item Numbers on the Consolidated Schedule.	State and local customers have access to all GSA eTools for market research, direct ordering or to place Requests for Information (RFI) and Requests for Quote (RFQ) under this program.***
National Wildland Fire Program www.gsa.gov/fireprogram	State and local firefighting organizations that have a cooperative agreement with their State Forester and approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service	Interagency Agreement for Equipment/Supplies in Support of Wildland Fire Protection	State and local agencies can order products and services through GSA Global Supply™ procurement channel, upon receipt of a written cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service.	Wildland fire items are available at: www.GSAglobalsupply.gsa.gov
*1122 Program www.gsa.gov/1122program	State and units of local government****	Section 1122 of the fiscal year 1994 National Defense Authorization Act	State and local units of government, with support from their State Point of Contact (SPOC), can purchase products using GSA Schedules, provided that the items are used in the performance of counter-drug activities.	Visit the 1122 Program website to obtain the 1122 Catalog and to contact your respective State Point of Contact (SPOC) that is ready to help.
Computers for Learning Program www.gsa.gov/computersforlearning	Schools and educational nonprofit organizations located in the United States ( Also includes the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.)	Executive Order 12999 — Educational Technology, and 15 USC 3710 (i) commonly known as the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980	Certain schools (public, private or parochial (pre-K through 12)), and certain educational nonprofit organizations that meet specific criteria can obtain excess federal computer equipment.	Federal Agencies should visit the GSAXcess website at: www.gsa.gov/gsaxcess in order to report their excess computers for transfer under the Computers for Learning Program.
Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program www.gsa.gov/propertydonations	Public agencies; nonprofit educational and health institutions; nonprofit and public programs for the elderly; public airports; and more	Title 40 of the U.S. Code, Section 549, formerly known as the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949	Entities that meet specific criteria can obtain all types of surplus property, except land or other real property, certain naval vessels, and records of the federal government.	When authorized by the State Agency for Surplus Property, eligible donees should visit the GSAXcess® website at: www.gsa.gov/gsaxcess to determine what surplus property is available for donation transfer.

- \* GSA State and Local Program that is based on state and local use of the Federal Supply Schedules.
- \*\* The States of the United States, counties, municipalities, cities, towns, townships, tribal governments, public authorities (including public or Indian housing agencies under the United States Housing Act of 1937), school districts, colleges, and other institutions of higher education, council of governments (incorporated or not), regional or interstate government entities, or any agency or instrumentality of the preceding entities (including any local educational agency or institution of higher education), and including legislative and judicial departments.
- \*\*\* GSA eTools include: GSA eLibrary (www.gsa.gov/elibrary), GSA Advantage/® (www.gsaadvantage.gov), and GSA eBuy (www.gsa.gov/ebuy).
- \*\*\*\* City, county, township, town, borough, parish, village or other general purpose political subdivision of a State; an Indian tribe which
- performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or the District of Columbia Government or the United States Government performing law enforcement functions in and for the District of Columbia or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

