

CPES BPAs Podcast
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ANGELA: Hello, and welcome to another edition of *GSA Today*. I'm Angela Lehman ...

WALTER: And I'm Walter Eckbreth. Here's what's happening in the world of federal procurement.

ANGELA: Today we're going to talk about *how* GSA's Blanket Purchase Agreements, or BPAs, can help your agency *go green*.

WALTER: That's right, Angela. Our BPA for Comprehensive Professional Energy Services, or CPES, is designed to help government agencies achieve their energy, greenhouse gas, and water conservation goals.

ANGELA: The CPES BPA helps agencies meet these important energy conservation and efficiency goals to support the President's initiatives to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship throughout the federal government.

WALTER: And there's more. The CPES BPA makes it easy for agencies to purchase fully compliant energy services from more than 20 commercial organizations with excellent performance records.

ANGELA: That's an important point, Walter. GSA measures vendor performance at both a BPA level and at the task order level, to include evaluating customer satisfaction. It's our way of ensuring the government consistently receives high-quality services.

WALTER: True, but that's just the beginning. The CPES BPA is a Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative, or FSSI.

ANGELA: That's a real plus because in the case of energy solutions FSSIs allow the government to streamline processes and leverage its buying power, which, in turn, helps agencies obtain best practice solutions and low-cost discounts.

WALTER: So Angela, what specific services can agencies purchase through the CPES BPA?

ANGELA: The services available through the CPES BPA include reviewing energy-reduction measures; processes to ensure the use of energy-efficient designs, systems, and equipment; recommending and implementing renewable energy solutions; achieving LEED rating certifications; reducing building water consumption; implementing energy analysis; planning, monitoring, and reporting efforts; and much more.

WALTER: Wow, I'm sure we could go on but we'd run out of time if we tried to list them all. What can agencies and vendors do if they want to learn more about the CPES BPA?

ANGELA: Well, they could go to www.gsa.gov/energyservicesbpa/options. They can also email me directly at angela.lehman@gsa.gov. That's A-N-G-E-L-A dot L-E-H-M-A-N at gsa dot gov. Or they can call me at 703-605-9541 with specific questions. Again 703-605-9541.

WALTER: Well, I think we've given the audience a lot to think about in terms of the benefits of GSA's CPES BPA and helping agencies *go green*! So until next time, for *GSA Today*, I'm Walter Eckbreth.

ANGELA: And I'm Angela Lehman. Thanks for listening!