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# FSS Purchasing Programs

## **FSS Purchasing Programs**

VA Federal Supply Schedule contractors may participate in several programs that allow state and local governments the opportunity to purchase products and services from their FSS contract. By opting to participate in these programs, FSS contractors are making their products available to a wider audience.

## What You Need to Know...

#### **National Contracts and Blanket Purchase Agreements**

The National Contract Service of the VA National Acquisition Center is responsible for establishing and maintaining National Contracts and Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs), which are awarded against VA and GSA Federal Supply Schedule contracts. VA's National Contract and National BPA programs are used by VA medical centers, related facilities, specific State Veterans Homes, and other Federal facilities.

### **Disaster Recovery Purchasing**

Under the Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program, state and local government entities may purchase a variety of products and services from contracts awarded under VA and GSA Federal Supply Schedules to facilitate recovery from a major disaster, terrorist attack, or nuclear, biological chemical or radiological attack. Qualifying emergency and disaster events must be declared as such by the President. State and local governments are responsible for ensuring that the products or services purchased are used to facilitate recovery.

Contractors that previously opted out of participating in the Disaster Recovery Purchasing program may modify their contract at any time to allow participation in the program.

#### **Recovery Act Purchasing**

Signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, the Recovery Act serves to jump-start the economy by specifying appropriations for a wide range of Federal programs. All VA Federal Supply Schedule contractors have the option to voluntarily participate in the Recovery Act Purchasing program; however, if your company does not elect to participate in the program, you will not be allowed to accept purchasing made with monies allocated under the terms of the Act.



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