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## **GSA SMARTPAY SMART BULLETIN**

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### **GSA SmartPay – Purchase Card Enabled Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives (FSSI)**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Smart Bulletin becomes effective upon issuance and shall remain in force until modified or rescinded.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The benefits of using the GSA SmartPay purchase card when acquiring products and services through FSSI Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) and other arrangements include increased refunds for agencies along with product/service price savings, improved management visibility into purchasing activity, and adoption of industry and government agency best practices. As noted below, many of these FSSI offerings incorporate Point of Sale (POS) discounts for purchase card users, whereby the discounted FSSI price is to be automatically provided regardless of whether the purchase is made in-store, on-line, or by phone. These automatic discounts are provided as the merchant is required to recognize the account numbers unique to standard GSA SmartPay purchase cards. The information below briefly discusses relevant FSSI procurement vehicles and provides links to their websites for more information and points of contact.

#### **BUSINESS LINE(S) AFFECTED:**

Purchase, Integrated (Purchase)

## **SUMMARY:**

**FSSI OS3** - Multiple Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts for office supply products and commodities have been awarded through the purchasing channel acquisition. Twenty-three of the twenty-four awards have gone to small business entities. This solution provides agencies with an opportunity to achieve significant savings and meet sustainable acquisition and other socioeconomic goals. This FSSI offering includes the benefit of purchase card Point-of-Sale automatic discounts.

**FSSI DDS3** - Domestic Delivery Services (DDS) has awarded a best value Blanket Purchase Agreement to UPS and FedEx. The BPA allows for a 16 - 26 percent discount over FY14 MAS benchmarks and agencies avoid fuel surcharges on parcel shipments. Agencies can opt to pay for these shipments with a purchase card, further enhancing savings.

**FSSI MRO** - GSA has established BPAs with nine contractors to sell products under the Maintenance, Repair & Operations strategic sourcing solution. Eight of these BPA holders are small businesses. Average pricing is 12 percent lower than offered previously within the government marketplace. . This FSSI offering includes the benefit of purchase card Point-of-Sale automatic discounts.

**FSSI JAN/SAN** - 16 blanket purchase agreements (BPAs) for a new strategic sourcing solution designed to help federal agencies purchase Janitorial and Sanitation supplies at discounted prices that are 15.9 percent lower than standard government pricing have been awarded. Access to these BPAs through GSA Advantage is not yet available. Please visit the [FSSI JAN/SAN website](#) for information on how to order these products and services directly from the awarded contractors.

**FSSI Print Management** - The FSSI Print Management BPAs will expire on September 15, 2016, and will not be re-competed. All requirements after that date can be acquired using [Schedule 36](#).

## **RESOURCE LINKS:**

[FSSI OS3](#)

[FSSI DDS3](#)

[FSSI MRO](#)

[FSSI JAN/SAN](#)

[FSSI Print Management](#)

**ACTION:**

Agency/Organization Program Coordinators (A/OPCs) are encouraged to provide this bulletin with resource links to purchase cardholders. Agencies are encourage to use their purchase cards in conjunction with FSSI offerings to save money and better use taxpayer funds. Some agencies have committed to use specific FSSI vehicles for certain purchases; A/OPCs shall ensure such policies are addressed in the training and other communications to their cardholders, as appropriate. In addition, A/OPCs may direct their cardholders to the [FSSI](#) portion of the GSA SmartPay website.

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