

• *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. Attn: Hada Flowers/IC 3090-0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090-0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The General Services Administration (GSA) has mission responsibilities related to monitoring and enforcing compliance with Federal civil rights laws and regulations that apply to Federal Financial Assistance programs administered by GSA. Specifically, those laws provide that no person on the ground of race, color, national origin, disability, sex or age shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program in connection with which Federal financial assistance is extended under laws administered in whole or in part by GSA. These mission responsibilities generate the requirement to request and obtain certain data from recipients of Federal surplus property for the purpose of determining compliance, such as the number of individuals, based on race and ethnic origin, of the recipient's eligible and actual serviced population; race and national origin of those denied participation in the recipient's program(s); non-English languages encountered by the recipient's program(s) and how the recipient is addressing meaningful access for individuals that are Limited English Proficient; whether there has been complaints or lawsuits filed against the recipient based on prohibited discrimination and whether there has been any findings; and whether the recipient's facilities are accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 1,200.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 1200.

Hours per Response: 2.

Total Burden Hours: 2,400.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVPR), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in all correspondence.

Dated: July 9, 2012.

Casey Coleman,

Chief Information Officer.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice—MG—2012-05; Docket 2012-0002; Sequence 13]

Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings; Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act; Notification of Release of Core Competencies and Recommended Curriculum

AGENCY: Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of release of core competencies and recommended curriculum.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, is providing notification of the release of the core competencies and recommended curriculum for Federal personnel involved in facilities operations and management.

DATES: July 23, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Simpson, Program Manager, Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, 1275 First Street NE., Room 634, Washington, DC 20417; telephone at 951-302-4463, or via email at john.simpson@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Core Competencies and the Curriculum are available for download from the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Building Web site Library at—<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/117699>.

The Facilities Management Institute, *FMI.innovations.gov* (available 08/01/2012), is a public facing “cloud institute” developed to implement the requirements of the Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-308). It has been structured to embody the principles of transparency, participation and collaboration. No membership will be required for

FMI.innovations.gov (available 08/01/2012), an open site where the public, Federal agencies, professional societies, industry associations, apprenticeship training providers and academic institutions will come together to collaborate on every aspect of reducing the cost of the Federal Government while increasing its productivity.

Dated: June 21, 2012.

John C. Thomas,

Deputy Director, Office of Committee and Regulatory Management, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice—QDA—2012-01; Docket No. 2012-0002; Sequence 17]

Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program Continuous Open Season-Operational Change

AGENCY: Federal Acquisition Service, GSA.

ACTION: Notice with a request for comments.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) intends to institute a Demand Based Model (DBM) designed to assess and improve the performance of the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracts operated by GSA. GSA is proposing this operational change to enhance the performance of and modernize the MAS program in three key program areas: Small business viability, operational efficiency, and cost control. The DBM will realign suppliers under the MAS program with current Federal marketplace demands. This will result in directing suppliers, including small businesses, to where government procurement needs are; thereby having a supplier base more focused on providing innovative solutions to address the procurement needs of the government, especially under these current fiscal challenges. Operational efficiencies and cost control thus realized will restore and maintain the MAS program's value to Federal agencies as a streamlined acquisition vehicle through reduction in duplicative contracts, better contract administration support by GSA as well as other increased levels of customer support from GSA. Additionally, DBM is intended to benefit participating members of industry, including small businesses, by improving processing time for awards, modifications and

contract options, and improving supplier relationship management. Implementing the DBM will allow GSA and suppliers to focus on the ongoing modernization of the Schedules aimed at adding innovative solutions, improving pricing and simplifying the buying experience.

DATES: This change in operations will become effective September 21, 2012.

Comment Date: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at one of the addressees shown below on or before August 22, 2012. This will allow GSA sufficient time to consider the comments prior to the effective date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in response to Notice—QDA–2012–01 by any of the following methods:

- **Regulations.gov:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “Notice–QDA–2012–01”. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Notice–QDA–2012–01.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Notice–QDA–2012–01” on your attached document.

- **Fax:** (202) 501–4067.

- **Mail:** General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), Attn: Hada Flowers, 1275 First Street NE., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20417.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Notice–QDA–2012–01, in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Angela Lehman, telephone 703–605–9541, email DemandBasedModel@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Over the last 20 years, the MAS program has expanded to encompass 31 Schedules with over 19,000 federal contractors and generally, has operated under continuous open solicitations or “seasons” to receive new offers. Additional information about the MAS program is available at www.gsa.gov/schedules.

Over time certain offerings and suppliers under the MAS program have not aligned with the procurement needs of the government. FAS projects that well over 50 percent of the MAS contracts awarded in 2011 will not have significant sales, and FAS will spend

millions of dollars to support and manage such low/no sales contracts. Additionally, the Government estimates that industry incurs significant costs in applying for and maintaining Schedules contracts.

To mitigate the costs and burdens associated with the current process while maintaining the benefits of a program that facilitates easy access to cost-effective competitive small and large businesses, FAS is proposing to modify its current practice of a continuous open season for all Schedules to a practice whereby the Schedules will be individually assessed to determine whether a continuous open season should continue or whether one of the variations described below would be suitable.

GSA’s plan for moving to a demand based model is built around careful analysis before any action is taken and continually monitoring the government’s procurement demands. The tentative plan, which GSA seeks comment on before finalizing, includes the following steps:

1. GSA will assess each Special Item Number (SIN) level requirements from the standpoint of Federal demand, existing sources, sales performance under existing contracts, changing market dynamics, socio-economic considerations, and other available data.

2. Based on the assessment, GSA would determine whether to maintain a continuous open season for an entire Schedule, maintain a continuous open season for only certain SINs on a particular Schedule, or close the Schedule or certain SINs on the Schedule on a temporary basis to new offers.

3. GSA would publish its decision with regard to the affected Schedule or SIN, in FedBizOpps. This might include, without limitation; maintaining a continuous open season for the Schedule or SIN; a temporary closure of the Schedule or SIN; temporarily re-opening after a decision to close the Schedule or SIN temporarily; merging the Schedule or SIN into one or more other Schedules or SINs; or the cancellation of the Schedule or SINs.

4. Each temporary closure of a Schedule or SIN would be published in FedBizOpps no fewer than 30 days prior to the effective date of the temporary closure. During the interim period, new offers for Schedule contracts and modification requests to add SINs to existing contracts would be received and processed in the usual manner. No new offers would be accepted after the effective date of the temporary closure, except, contract holders may, during or after the last year of their third contract

option period, submit an offer for a new contract.

5. For any Schedule or SIN that is closed temporarily, the Schedule or SIN would be assessed periodically and would re-open (via an open season) at least once every 3 years. The open season would be published in FedBizOpps effective immediately upon publication. In case of cancellation or merger of a Schedule or SIN, affected MAS solicitations would be amended (refreshed), and affected contracts would be cancelled or modified accordingly.

The DBM is not intended to affect contracts or orders awarded prior to a temporary closure. Holders of valid contracts under Schedules or SINs that were open when the contract was awarded but which are later closed temporarily under DBM would continue to be able to seek, accept, and perform orders through the end of their contract’s current period of performance. Decisions on whether to exercise any remaining option periods on such contracts would be made in the usual manner.

This measured approach will create a more effective environment for managing the Schedules Program. It will also create a healthier business environment for current and prospective suppliers. Combined with tools such as order set-asides, authorized by section 1331 of the Small Business Jobs Act, the Schedules Program should be even more successful in meeting its obligation to maximize opportunities for its small business partners and is fully committed to providing them with the help they need to win work.

GSA is seeking comments, especially from small businesses. Detailed and comprehensive responses are appreciated to ensure that GSA fully understands the comments. GSA encourages comments that address specific operational implementation recommendations and responses to the specific questions below:

1. There are a wide range of considerations GSA should employ in determining whether additional capacity is needed on a certain Special Item Number (SIN). This includes considerations such as number of contracts, sales trends, average sales per contractor, geography, socio-economic status on the SIN, degree of innovation in the industry, and views from other Federal Agencies. What else should GSA consider in making this decision?

2. How much advance notice should GSA provide before making a decision for temporary closure? What business factors drive the amount of notice needed?

3. Once GSA makes an announcement for temporary closure, there is potential for a high number of new offers before the effective date of the temporary closure. It is highly likely that nearly all of these offers will not generate business. What should GSA do with offers received in this window?

4. To help industry best plan, should GSA's reassessment be conducted annually, every two years, or every three years? What actions can GSA take to assist industry with planning? For example, is it better to know with certainty when a schedule or SIN will reopen even if that means the duration of closure is longer, or is it better for GSA to take a shorter term view of the question?

5. Currently, over 50 percent of schedule contracts will not meet the sales retention criteria. Is reducing this percentage to 30 percent an appropriately aggressive interim goal?

6. Are there other considerations on how to ensure minimum impact to industry with the implementation?

Dated: July 18, 2012.
Houston Taylor,
Assistant Commissioner, Office of Acquisition Management, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Solicitation of Written Comments on Draft Phase 3 Long-Term Care Facilities Strategy/Module for Inclusion in the National Action Plan To Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Healthcare Quality.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[Document Identifier OS-0937-0166]

Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information collection technology to minimize the information collection burden.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to sherette.funncoleman@hhs.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms (if necessary)	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
100,000	citizen seeking sterilization	100,000	1	15/60	25,000

Keith A. Tucker,
Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Office of the Secretary.
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ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Healthcare Quality is soliciting public comment on a new long-term care facilities strategy/module of the National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination. To further the HHS mission to protect the health and well-being of the nation, the HHS Steering Committee for the Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections has developed a draft comprehensive strategy for preventing and reducing healthcare-associated infections in long-term care facilities. This Phase 3 Long-Term Care Facilities module builds upon and is to be included in the existing National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated

gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above email address within 60 days.

Proposed Project: Title: HHS 42 CFR subpart B; Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects—OMB No. 0937-0166—Extension—OPHS, Office of Population Affairs—Office of Family Planning.

Abstract: This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection for the disclosure and record-keeping requirements codified at 42 CFR part 50, subpart B (“Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects”). The consent form solicits information to assure voluntary and informed consent to persons undergoing sterilization in programs of health services which are supported by federal financial assistance administered by the PHS. It provides additional procedural protection to the individual and the regulation requires that the consent form be a copy of the form that is appended to the PHS regulation. In 2003, the PHS sterilization consent form was revised to conform to OMB government-wide standards for the collection of race/ethnicity data and to incorporate the PRA burden statement as part of the consent form. There are no revisions to the form.

Infections: Roadmap to Elimination that focuses on reducing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and end stage renal disease facilities and presents strategies for increasing healthcare personnel influenza vaccination coverage (Phases 1 & 2).

DATES: Comments on the draft Phase 3 Long-Term Care Facilities module should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern daylight saving time on August 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The draft Phase 3 Long-Term Care Facilities module can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/initiatives/hai/actionplan/index.html#tier3>. Comments are preferred electronically and may be