Welcome to today’s presentation:

*RWA Fundamentals*

*July 21, 2022*

*The presentation will start at 1 pm Eastern*

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RWA Fundamentals

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Quiz

Which of the following role(s) best describe(s) your involvement with the RWA process?

- Project Manager
- Contracting Officer
- Building/Property/Portfolio Manager
- Budget/Financial Manager
- Fund Certifying Official
- Other (please specify in the Chat pod)
Poll Question #1

What access do you currently have in eRETA?

- Data Entry User
- Read-Only User
- I don't have an eRETA User ID
Agenda

• RWA Basics
• Appropriations Law
• GSA RWA National Policy
• Project and RWA Process
  – eRETA Access
  – Work Requests
  – Requirements Development
  – Estimates
  – RWA Acceptance
  – Amendments
  – RWA Closeout
• Contacts/Questions
REIMBURSABLE WORK AUTHORIZATION (RWA)
An agreement between GSA and a customer where GSA agrees to provide materials and/or services outside of normal rent, and the customer agrees to reimburse GSA’s costs. RWAs use BA80 funds.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) accepts the RWA (form 2957) submitted via eRETA as GSA’s formal Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA) with Customers.

GSA Public RWA Website: gsa.gov/RWA
Appropriations Law: Authority to Do Work

- Gives GSA the authority to acquire and maintain property and to provide reimbursable services in those facilities. Other federal entities are required to work with GSA to accomplish reimbursable services. (GSA Buildings and GSA Leases)

40 U.S.C. § 583: Construction of Buildings “GSA can do work in other locations not under GSA Jurisdiction”
- Only for new construction, repairs and alteration, but does NOT require re-obligation prior to the expiration date of obligational authority of the funds

31 U.S.C. §1535: Economy Act “Re-obligate (contract) in same period as RWA obligation”
- Requires both the requesting and the performing agency to obligate the provided funds within the period of funding appropriation availability. GSA uses this for properties in portfolios of other agencies. (Non-GSA buildings and non-GSA leases)

Appropriation Law: GAO “Redbook”
Appropriations Law: Scope

RWAs have to be detailed and specific:

31 U.S.C. § 1301(a) & §1501: Use of Funds “Can’t use funds for a different purpose”

Funds that have been appropriated to an agency for a specific purpose must not be used for any other purpose, except where specifically provided by law.

31 U.S.C. §1501: Purpose of Appropriation “Need clear scope”

Agencies have authority to spend funding for certain purposes and must have documentary evidence to support a valid obligation during the period of availability; and a clear description of work at a certain level of specificity.

**Intent! Content! Extent!** RWAs have to have an intent (purpose), precise content (specific scope), and an extent (limitations by location, size, etc)
Appropriations Law: Timing

RWAs have to be accepted at the right time - not too early...

31 U.S.C. §1502: Bona Fide Need “No Parking Money - Planning phase must be complete”
Funds may be obligated for a need arising within the period of funding appropriation availability.
● Bona Fide Need is a Time Test: Does this work need to start THIS FISCAL YEAR?

But also not accepted too late...:

31 U.S.C. §1341: Anti-deficiency Act “We need an RWA first”
Officials may not authorize expenditures exceeding amount available for the obligation

*Lease RWAs for above TI Allowance: RWA Policy says that RWA must be accepted prior to the lease being signed - the government (GSA and our customer) would be anti-deficient without all construction money in-hand (even though it’s not obligated to the lessor yet).
Poll Question #2

What constitutes a bona fide need?

- My agency likely has a project need next FY
- My agency has a project need this FY
- My agency needs to obligate funds this FY or we will lose them
- My agency has an option to the RWA/base contract to be executed next year
We have a limited time to deliver the work, and limitations on changes:

31 U.S.C. §1552(a): Period of Availability
“On September 30 of the 5th fiscal year after period of availability for obligation of a fixed appropriation account ends, the account shall be closed and any remaining balance (whether obligated or unobligated) shall be canceled and thereafter shall not be available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose.”

Uhh.... what? “Funds good for 5 years after Exp. Date; no new scope after Exp. Date”

Expiration [date] of Obligational Authority: The last date an agency can write a contract or sign an RWA. No obligations (contract/RWA change) for new scope allowed after that date.

The Period of Availability has 2 phases:
1. Period of Appropriation Availability: customer can use the fund for new scope
   a. Starts: appropriation  Ends: Expiration [date] of obligational authority
2. Liquidation Period: the fund can only be used to pay previously obligated expenses, and make new obligations only for antecedent liability
   a. Starts: Expiration [date] of obligational authority  Ends: + 5 years
   b. Funds POOF! gone after 5 years, regardless of obligations, invoices, etc

Appropriation Law: GAO “Redbook”
Period of Availability - Example

Customer funds are available for liquidation for 5 years after the Expiration Date of Obligational Authority.

**Example - Annual Funds**

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**GSA accepts RWA**

**Sept. 8: GSA new RWA and new Scope Deadline - Scope Locked**

**Expiration Date of Obligational Authority**

**After 9/30, GSA can’t take any NEW RWAs with FY22 funds**

**After 9/30/2027 Appropriation is closed**

**Poof! Money gone**
Appropriation Types

The Appropriation Type applies to the period of funding *appropriation availability* - it limits the time the customer can use the fund for a new purpose / new scope.

Treasury assigns the Appropriation Type when funds are appropriated. **Agency does NOT get to pick.**

- **Annual**
  Funds are available for obligation by the Customer during one specific fiscal year.

- **Multiple Year**
  Funds are available for obligation by the Customer in excess of one fiscal year, but for a defined period of time.

- **No-Year**
  Funds are not bound by fiscal year limitations, and the Customer may obligate them at any time. Funds are available until expensed.

**RWA Policy further limits use of funds:** Amendments for New Scope may only be made within the initial FY of the RWA, regardless of the appropriation type.
Poll Question #3

Per appropriations law, how long are funds available?

- 5 fiscal years after the RWA is accepted
- 5 fiscal years after the fund's expiration date of obligational authority
- Until 9/30 of the current FY
- 1 fiscal year after the RWA is accepted
GSA RWA Policy Manual

www.gsa.gov/rwa
Full Funding vs Incremental Funding

Full Funding (Required)

• RWA scope must be fully defined and unambiguous, and funding must be **sufficient to accomplish the entirety of the requested work**, even if the work is scheduled to occur over multiple fiscal years.
• **No mixing of funds from multiple fiscal years:** Customers must fund the entire scope of work with funds available for obligation at the time the customer submits the RWA for acceptance.

Incremental Funding (Prohibited)

• Nonseverable projects may NOT be partially or incrementally funded over a period of time, regardless of fund type (including no-year funds).
• RWA scope must be fully defined and unambiguous, and the RWA must be funded for every part of the scope.

If a customer wants to **fund only one deliverable of a project** (for example, just the design phase now, then construction phase later), they would provide **2 separate RWAs:** One fully funded for Design only now, and a new RWA later, fully funded for Construction only.*

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*This is not OK for new lease build-outs - when GSA signs a lease, the government commits to paying for everything outlined in the lease - GSA must have all funds before a lease is signed.
Antecedent Liability

Financial Liability that was in place when the RWA was created.

- Also known as “Unforeseen Conditions”
- Additional liabilities (cost increases) which result in no scope increase from the original RWA, only a cost increase.
- Antecedent Liability MUST be an amendment to the RWA. No new or other RWAs.

Examples include:

- Cost increase to move ductwork which was not shown on the available drawings.
- Cost increases for fire and life safety requirements inadvertently left out in planning.
- Unforeseen increases in material or labor costs, or both, without scope change to the RWA, that exceed the original Independent Government Estimate.
- Contractor proposal exceeds estimates but still fair and reasonable
- Additional GSA Direct Charges

Increases to the RWA scope, after the end of the initial fiscal year, require a new RWA.
Severable vs Nonseverable

**Severable**

- Requires an **OUE** format estimate
- Services are **continuing or recurring** in nature
- A benefit is received each time the service is rendered
- R-type: Period of performance ends at the end of the current fiscal year
- N-type: Period of performance cannot exceed 12 months, but can cross fiscal years if awarded in FY1
- **Examples:** Overtime utilities, preventative maintenance, cleaning

**Nonseverable**

- Requires an **SCE** format estimate
- Work results in a **single outcome**, product, or report
- A benefit is received only when the entire project is complete
- Can be executed within the 5 years after the obligation year. (except F-types, which close each FY)
- **Examples:** Build-out, repairs & alterations, design, studies
RWA Types - Severable

**R-type – Recurring Services** (no PR/Award/RR/Invoice)
- Recurring services which are not independently contracted (direct cost transfer to GSA)
- The period of service can range from 1 day to 12 months, tied to a single FY.
- Flat fee of $500. Fee is billed in full during the first billing cycle.
- R-types are closed at the end of each fiscal year.
- Example: Overtime utilities in GSA owned space and non-fully serviced leases

**N-type - Non-Recurring Services** (must execute PR/Award/RR/Invoice)
- Severable and non-severable services can NOT be combined into a single RWA.
- N-type RWAs for severable services are limited to 365 days, but can cross fiscal years, as long as all services are awarded within the same FY that the RWA is accepted.
- Stepped fee.
- Examples: Above standard janitorial services, overtime utilities where the utility services are separately metered or billed, regular (weekly/monthly) preventative maintenance.
  - Lease space OTUs are Severable N-types.
RWA Types - Nonseverable

A-Type - Non-prospectus BA54 split funded projects
- Similar to N-type, but GSA provides BA54 funding for shell and/or a TI allowance to be amortized in rent in GSA owned space.
- May require a new/revised OA to be signed

B-Type - Prospectus projects
- Similar to N-type, but related to/part of an approved GSA prospectus project. B-type are used on all GSA prospectus level projects, regardless of the RWA value.
- Any RWA split funded with BA55/BA51

N-type - Non-Recurring Services and Projects
Non-recurring services; are standalone projects for a one-time need, that are not split funded with BA54, or related to a GSA prospectus project.
- Severable and non-severable services can NOT be combined into a single RWA.
- Examples: Non-prospectus space alterations and repairs.
F-type – Misc. work

- Requires no cost estimate. Requires no Scope of Work (scope = “Miscellaneous”)
- One or more routine, nonrecurring miscellaneous services or projects not exceeding $25,000 for each transaction, including all fees.
- Total amount of an F-type RWA cannot exceed $250,000.
- Cannot be used to incrementally fund another RWA (no using as contingency!)
- **Work must be completed by fiscal year end.** F-types are automatically marked **Complete** on September 30 of the fiscal year in which they originated.
  - All work must be complete and 100% paid to contractors by September 30, which means all work must be completed by **Mid August**.
- **Examples:** Rekeying door locks, random carpet tile replacement, signage, paint touch-up, single employee move.
**RETA & eRETA**

**RETA/eRETA:** “RWA Entry and Tracking Application”

All Federal customers are required to use eRETA to send all RWA and Work Request information to PBS.

RETA/eRETA contains all RWA financial information, updated 4x/day, as well as an electronic document file with the RWA 2957 form, Customer Letters, Automated Communications, and much more.

RETA/eRETA is **technically one application**, the primary differences are:

- Logging in (internally vs externally)
- Customers limited to their own RWAs by AB Code
- GSA editing limited to RWAs in their GSA Region
- Customers have a few extra buttons

Customers can sign up and access training at [www.gsa.gov/ereta](http://www.gsa.gov/ereta)
Get Access and Training for eRETA

www.gsa.gov/ereta

eRETA RWA Customer Portal

What is eRETA?

The external RWA Entry and Tracking Application (eRETA) is the customer portal for Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) information integrated with GSA’s financial management system, providing users real-time access to RWA project and financial information. Federal customers are required to send all RWA and RWA Work Request information to GSA via eRETA.

How do I log into eRETA?

Customers log into eRETA via the PBS External Portal: [https://extportal.pbs.gsa.gov](https://extportal.pbs.gsa.gov). Please visit our "How do I access eRETA page" for information on setting up your account.

- **NOTE:** To help avoid login issues, only use [https://extportal.pbs.gsa.gov](https://extportal.pbs.gsa.gov) as your browser’s eRETA bookmark. Bookmarking any other link may result in difficulties logging into the PBS external Portal where eRETA is located.

Using eRETA and not sure what to do?

Visit the eRETA Training Materials page for Quick Tips, detailed user guides, and video demonstrations. You can also visit our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page. If you can't find an answer to your question on any of these pages, contact eRETA@gsa.gov.
# Work Request-RWA Process

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<td>Customer enters and saves WR information</td>
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<td>Customer sends WR to GSA&lt;br&gt;Email from eRETA: New WR is submitted to GSA</td>
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**GSA may take up to 5 business days to assign a PM**

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<td>2. GSA PM/POC and Customer develop requirements (Scope, Estimates) and links an estimate in RETA</td>
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<td>---- This timeframe varies depending on type of project or service ----&lt;br&gt;Email from eRETA: GSA has approved the estimate ## for W##</td>
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<td>3. Customer enters remaining information and sends RWA to GSA for acceptance&lt;br&gt;Email from eRETA: WR/RWA Sent to GSA for Acceptance</td>
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**GSA may take 15 business days to review before routing for signatures**

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<th>GSA reviews and enters GSA-specific information</th>
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<td>GSA routes for digital signatures</td>
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<td>Accepted Status</td>
<td>Customer and GSA digitally sign RWA via DocuSign Email&lt;br&gt;Email from eRETA: Acceptance Letter</td>
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## Work Request vs RWA

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<td>Identification of a potential need for a project or service. NOT a formal agreement</td>
<td>Reimbursable Work Authorization; formal agreement between PBS and a customer</td>
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<td><strong>What does it look like?</strong></td>
<td>“W” for “work request” followed by a 7-digit number. <em>Example: W2149582</em></td>
<td>Same 7 digit number, but “W” becomes RWA type (N, R, etc). <em>Example: N2149582</em></td>
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<td><strong>What does it do?</strong></td>
<td>Secures a GSA PM/POC; Initiates requirements development (e.g. scope, schedules, estimates) to become potential RWA</td>
<td>Records a formal Interagency agreement; allows PBS provide to goods and/or services; customer reimburses PBS for those costs</td>
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<td>Does it need funding attached?</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>What RWA rules apply?</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Appropriation Law and RWA Policy</td>
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“Work Request # has been assigned”: This should trigger the PM/POC to begin planning, and to link an estimate to the WR in RETA.

Work Request 2044721 has been assigned

meghan.kass@gsa.gov

to may.celena, PBS_R5RWA, settles.ainsley, zachary.miles

RWA Customer and GSA Project Manager/POC,

Work Request number 2044721 located at the below location and description has been assigned. The GSA Project Manager/POC currently assigned to this work request is Zachary Miles who can be contacted at zachary.miles@gsa.gov or (317) 226-6612. This GSA Project Manager/POC is subject to change. If not already completed, the GSA Project Manager/POC should reach out to begin planning phase activities and provide an estimate.

Customer Agency: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Customer POC: Ainsley Settles, settles.ainsley@dol.gov

Building: IN1728ZZ, 2300 Willow Street, 2300 Willow St, Vincennes, IN

Description: To remove existing exit device with a new device to include an exterior pull handle and keyed access from the exterior. Cost estimate is attached.

For more information, please log into RETA and locate Work Request Number 2044721.
Poll Question #4

True or False: A Work Request is a formal agreement between PBS and a customer

- True
- False
Requirements Development and Scope

Requirements Development – the GSA PM and Customer should jointly develop:

• Tenant Needs Interview to gather initial project requirements
• Specific, clear and discrete scope.
• Target schedule and budget

Elements of a Good Scope: Intent, Content, Extent!

• Intent: Purpose/Objective and/or outcome of the service
  • New office space / climate controlled server room / upgraded finishes for new Judge
• Content: Elements and specifics of the how the outcome will be achieved
  • Design, Construction, M&I, Furniture, etc / replace cooling unit / new carpet, remove wallcovering, paint
• Extent: Location of service, area addressed, and proposed SF space change
  • IL0303ZZ, rooms 510-521, 13,000 USF / add 2,000 UF

Options - contract options lack bona fide need until the FY they are exercised
No Scope Creep - You cannot use an RWA for scope that is not defined on that RWA
Scope is locked on all RWAs (regardless of fund type) at the end of initial FY of acceptance
**RETA Cost Estimate**

**GSA provides a cost estimate:** The GSA PM/POC will use their detailed estimate to complete a Summary Cost Estimate (SCE) or Overtime Utility Cost Estimate (OUE) in RETA and link it to the Work Request.

**SCE/OUE Includes the RWA Management Fee:** GSA charges a fee to cover standard project and financial management effort:

- A standard level of project management services by GSA Project team (PM, COR, CO, Sponsor, SMEs, etc)
- GSA overhead for RWA program, RETA system, finance personnel, etc
- Minimum fee of $500
- Applies to all RWAs*
  - *Does not apply to personal property - Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E)
- Public [RWA Fee Information](#)
GSA Labor and Travel Direct Charges

The RWA Management Fee does NOT cover:

• GSA In-house design services
• GSA In-house M&I services
• Management/Contracting of Personal Property (FF&E)
  – Furniture design is a furniture cost
• Travel costs and GSA time outside of 50 miles from the nearest GSA office
• For a full list, please see the Appendix in Pricing Policy

For items not covered by the PBS RWA Management fee:

• All work needs to be estimated and charged as a direct cost
GSA has approved the estimate SCWI0153521174006 for WR/RWA 2181613

reta.user@gsa.gov

Jun 23, 2021, 9:47 AM (1 day ago)

GSA Customer,

GSA has approved Summary Cost Estimate SCWI0153521174006 linked to Work Request/RWA 2181613. You can now submit this New/Amended RWA to GSA in eRETA. To do so, you must enter all required fields in eRETA and then click the "Send to GSA" button on the Customer Approval tab. GSA can take no additional action on this New/Amended RWA until you complete this step.

To review a copy of this estimate, click on the "Estimates" search tab at the top of any eRETA screen and search for the Estimate Tracking Number listed above.

Should you have any questions regarding this estimate or RWA, please contact one of the GSA Representatives listed below:

Total Estimate Amount: $48,416.61 GSA Project Manager: michael.whiting@gsa.gov, (920) 604-0391
PBS Data Entry User: PBS_R5RWA@gsa.gov
Customer Agency: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
Building: W1671ZZ, 205 Doty Street, 205 Doty St, Green Bay, WI
Description: Remove and replace all carpeting in USAO Green Bay suite.
RWA Intake & Submission

How are RWAs sent?
Work Requests and RWAs must be completed through eRETA
  Customer fills out financial information in eRETA
  Customer clicks “send to GSA” button, generating the email “WR/RWA ####### has been sent to GSA for Acceptance”

What to expect after submission - Acceptance within 15 business days
  1. If there are errors on the RWA, GSA will ask for corrections
  2. GSA PM compiles documents and submits the RWA for internal reviews
  3. If approved internally, GSA routes for signatures via Docusign
  4. Customer receives an email from DocuSign: Signs by clicking the link in email
  5. GSA receives an email from DocuSign: Sign the RWA by clicking the link in email
  6. GSA sends the Acceptance Letter

Be patient, and ask for schedule updates
  ● Now the PM can use the funds - Contract procurement can begin
  ● Some contracts may take a while to procure, as many procurement timeframes are mandated.
“Work Request/RWA Number W######## has been sent to GSA for Acceptance”: Trigger for the PM/POC to review and submit the RWA Acceptance Request google form.

Work Request/RWA Number W2012575 has been sent to GSA for Acceptance

eRETA.user@gsa.gov
to me, alex.putnam, anne.k.richards, john.w.poyer, invoice.admin

*** Sent from terrie.bailey-shaw@usdoj.gov ***

GSA Project Manager/POC,

The RWA has been sent to GSA and requires your review within RETA. After you have completed necessary quality control and review, route the package for processing per your regional process. Nonseverable RWAs are required to be submitted for processing through the Google RWA Acceptance Request form (forms.gle/oxRv39aAndaYYCyY7).

For more information on the RWA intake process, please see the GSA RWA Insite Page (inside.gsa.gov/node/14196) or contact your Regional RWA POC.

RWA customer,

You do not need to take any additional action at this time. GSA is working to review and process your RWA. If there are errors on the RWA that need to be corrected, you will be contacted. Please note that all hyperlinks contained in this communication are internal GSA websites and will not be accessible to you if you try to open them.

RWA overview

Customer Agency: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA)
RWA Signatures

- GSA routes the RWA for signatures
- Signatures happen via email, not eRETA
- Click the email to sign: can even be done from a smartphone.
- GSA signs *after* the customer signs.
- After signatures, (and possible central office audit review) the acceptance letter will be sent.
FY22 End of Year RWA Deadlines

Deadline for customers to submit fully executable, Non-Severable RWAs - the customer deadline letter here:

DoD and Economy Act RWAs: July 22, 2022
All other customers: September 8, 2022

Fully Executable RWAs must have:

- Defined Scope of Work, already reviewed with GSA
- Appropriate Funding, estimate already reviewed with GSA
- RWA sent to GSA through eRETA (customer hits “send to GSA” button)
- WR ≠ RWA

Exceptions to the deadline:

- Severable RWAs
- Health, Life Safety or Property Emergencies (GSA Central Office must approve)

If substantive changes need to be made to the RWA after the September deadline, that means the RWA was not fully executable and we have to reject it for this FY. Then after October 1, the customer would need to modify the funding to reflect next FY’s funds and resubmit the RWA.
Poll Question #5

In order to meet the RWA Submission Deadline, are signatures required?

- Yes
- No
RWA Amendments

**Amendments are Acceptable for:**
- Changes or additions to the scope of work within the initial FY that the original RWA was accepted
- Reduction in scope
- Within scope cost increases attributed to an antecedent liability

**Amendments are NOT Acceptable for:**
- Out of scope changes, new scope (after the initial year of acceptance), regardless of funding type
  - A new RWA is required for new scope.
- Exercising a Contract Option (must be a new RWA)
Poll Question #6

Can new requirements be added to the scope of work on an RWA after the first fiscal year in which it was accepted?

- Yes
- Yes, but only with no-year funds
- No
Funding Amendments

Customer MUST provide funds that were available when the original RWA was submitted and accepted.

If funding from the original FY is no longer available:

- **Current** year funding can be used **AND**
- **Statement of Further Written Assurance** (Waiver): Customer fund certifying official must sign and upload to RETA

Example: RWA funded with FY19 Annual funds to build out a kitchen. Project was underestimated, therefore resulting in an antecedent liability in FY22. In FY22, the RWA should be amended with FY19 Funds.

  If FY19 funds are no longer available, FY22 (current) funds must be used and a Statement of Further Written assurance* is also provided.

* For Judiciary: their internal policy is that only the AO can sign this waiver.
Project Closeout

Substantial Completion

- Declared at **beneficial use** of the work - **Punch list** created.
  - Contractors have **not** been fully paid yet
- GSA sends **Substantial Completion Letter** to customer
  - Customer is instructed **NOT** to deobligate funds at this point

Financial Closeout

- Punch list is executed and GSA Project Team pays contractor(s)
- GSA confirms all obligations have been invoiced and paid, and customer billing and collection is complete
- GSA sends **Close Out Letter** to customer
- Customer de-obligates remaining RWA funds
Customer Contacts

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For other questions, please reference the GSA RWA website at [www.gsa.gov/rwa](http://www.gsa.gov/rwa), or contact:

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