Update on DLA-GSA Alignment of Federal Supply Classes

As part of longstanding collaboration on supply support, DLA and GSA manage distinct Federal Supply Classes (FSC). Beginning in FY 2019, DLA is sunsetting, on a rolling basis, contracts it had with vendors for items in Class II FSCs (list below) managed by GSA. As those contracts come up for renewal, they will either expire or the listed FSCs will be removed. There is no abrupt disruption, but instead a gradual transition so that GSA has sole management responsibility for these Class II FSCs.

GSA provides multiple mechanisms for DOD and other customers to find and buy items in its FSCs. Those include:

GSA Global Supply (GGS)
GGS provides easy access to thousands of National Stock Numbers (NSN) and hundreds of thousands of part numbered items, all on a requisition basis. Since purchases are between federal agencies, there is no requirement to comparison shop or document three potential sources. Users convey orders via FedMall (NSNs only), MILSTRIP platforms, via phone at (800) 488-3111 or online at www.GSAglobalsupply.gsa.gov. Customers can use a purchase card (online or via phone) or authorized DoDAAC on all ordering platforms. Shipping is available worldwide.

For NSNs and part numbers not under contract in its FSCs, GGS offers “Special Order” purchasing on a fee-for-service basis. To start, customers can order via MILSTRIP or send email to: specialorderprogram@gsa.gov.

4PL/Retail Operations (RO)
GSA supports 35 retail stores and issues points, primarily on military bases worldwide. These 4PL locations often display a few thousand commonly used items, often tools, industrial supplies, and office products from FSCs 51 and 75. They also provide “referral” access to tens or hundreds of thousands of similar items offered by vendor partners (e.g. Office Depot, MSC or Grainger). These items can be shipped, as needed, to the closest store. All transactions are requisitions, so customers can use their DoDAAC or purchase card at checkout.

Multiple Award Schedules (MAS)
GSA has thousands of MAS contracts in place with commercial partners offering discounts to federal buyers on a broad array of products and services. All MAS vendors are visible online at www.gsaadvantage.gov and customers can use a purchase card to order. Customers may also use a vendor’s website (or call) to place an order. Since these transactions are “acquisitions” and not requisitions, transactions that exceed the micro-purchase threshold are governed by FAR 8.4 (i.e. comparison shopping is required).

More Information or Customer Service
GSA’s National Customer Service Center (NCSC) supports all of these programs. NCSC can answer general questions, assist with online orders, provide referrals to subject matter experts or help to resolve any discrepancies which may arise. It operates 24/5 (Sunday 9:00 pm - Friday 9:30 pm ET) at (800) 488-3111 or NCSCcustomer.service@gsa.gov. Note that self-service order status on GSA Global Supply purchases is also available anytime at ask.gsa.gov.
Affected Federal Supply Classes:

5110  Hand tools, edged, nonpowered
5120  Hand tools, nonedged, nonpowered
5130  Hand tools, power driven
5133  Drill bits, counterbores, and countersinks: hand and machine
5136  Taps, dies, and collets; hand and machine
5140  Tools and hardware boxes
5180  Sets, kits, and outfits of hand tools
5210  Measuring tools, craftsmen's
5345  Disks and stones, abrasives
5350  Abrasive materials
5630  Pipe and conduit, nonmetallic
5640  Wallboard, building paper, and thermal insulation materials
5650  Roofing and siding materials
5670  Building components, prefabricated
5680  miscellaneous construction materials
7110  Office furniture
7125  Cabinets, lockers, bins and shelving
7195  Miscellaneous furniture and fixtures
7330  Kitchen hand tools and utensils
7340  Cutlery and flatware
7350  Tableware
7490  Miscellaneous office machines
7510  Office supplies
7520  Office devices and accessories
7530  Stationary and record forms
7910  Floor polishers and vacuum cleaning equipment
7920  Brooms, brushes, mops, and sponges
7930  Cleaning and polishing compounds and preparations
8105  Bags and sacks
8115  Boxes, cartons, and crates
8135  Packaging and packing bulk materials
8540  Toiletry paper products
9310  paper and paperboard
9905  Signs, advertising displays, and identification plates