



MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GSA CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES AND HEADS OF CONTRACTING ACTIVITY

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SUBJECT: GSA Construction Metrication Ombudsman

1. Purpose.

This memo appoints the Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, Office of Acquisition Management as the GSA Construction Metrication Ombudsman.

2. Background.

The Savings in Construction Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. § 205I) requires the head of each agency that awards construction contracts to designate a senior agency official to serve as a construction metrication ombudsman. The Administrator of the General Services Administration delegated this authority to the Office of Government-wide Policy, Senior Procurement Executive (SPE), the most recent reflection of which is found in the Delegations of Authority Manual 5450.39D, CHGE 9, dated February 12, 2018.

3. Delegation.

The SPE hereby appoints the Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, Office of Acquisition Management as the GSA Construction Metrication Ombudsman.

The Construction Metrication Ombudsman will:

- (a) Work collaboratively with the SPE; Heads of Services and Staff Offices (HSSOs) or their delegates; and the Chief Architect, Office of Design and Construction, Public Buildings Service to ensure GSA's implementation of the metric system of measurement is consistent with Pub. L. 100-418 the Metric Conversion Act of 1975, as amended, and the policy and guidance of the Secretary of Commerce.
- (b) Ensure the agency is not implementing the metric system of measurement in a manner that is impractical or likely to cause significant inefficiencies or loss of markets to United States firms pursuant to 15 USC 205I (f)(2).
- (c) Review and respond to complaints from prospective bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, or their designated representatives related to PBS guidelines and regulations on the use of the metric system in PBS contracts for construction of Federal facilities or for services and materials required for incorporation in individual PBS projects to construct Federal facilities.

4. Limitations.

This authority to appoint may not be redelegated.

5. Point of Contact.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Ms. Dana Munson, General Services Acquisition Policy Division, via phone at (202) 357-9652, or via email to dana.munson@gsa.gov.

6. Additional Guidance.

GSA Order 8000. 1D ADM GSA Metric Program provides additional guidance on policies and responsibilities for implementing the metric system of measurement within the General Services Administration.

GSA Delegations of Authority Manual ADM 5450.39D, CHGE 9, dated February 12, 2018 revises the GSA Delegations of Authority Manual to change the delegation of authority for appointing the GSA Construction Metrication Ombudsman from the Office of Government-wide Policy, Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy to the Office of Government-wide Policy, Senior Procurement Executive.