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So the electric car demand stresses the electric grid?	Presenter replied (words to the effect of ....) gov't policy choices involving (possible) competing demands are made elsewhere ... Essentially, GSA/FAS designs/implements solutions that are keyed to then-existing policy imperatives while simultaneously attempting to forecast/design for future issues.
Have the stockpiles been made worse by the Ukraine war?	We believe so especially since Russia was targeting the Ukrainian power grid
Do you see solar panels making a significant impact on energy consumption?	We did not look at this specifically but DOE is looking at all aspects of the future of the US power grid
Why is there such a push to purchase electronic vehicles, if the power grid can't handle the capacity?	This is a policy issue - we just study the supply chain conditions that could affect our ability to deliver FEMA's assistance to disaster survivors
Do you believe investments (money) brings resilience in emergency or we need more skillful resources to work strategically for future uncertainties since government is not requiring educational qualification as a criteria for hiring management personnel? Can money push the resources without skillful involvement of strategic forces?	Both are equally as important. As we look to the future, we must work together to prepare for future health security threats by ensuring the resiliency of our supply chain for essential products to revitalize and rebuild domestic manufacturing capacity, maintain America's competitive edge in research and development, and create well-paying jobs. That involves having access to the funds to do so but it also requires people. We will need the manpower to get this work done. As we receive the funds and grow our workforce with highly qualified talent, we'll be able to create a resilient supply chain that can support small businesses, promote prosperity, advance the fight against climate change, and encourage economic growth in communities of color and economically distressed areas
Difference between BOA & BPA?	BPAs will contain price lists, and item catalogs. BOAs do not require these items. This distinction means that the government does not need to identify and price EVERY possible item that may be needed during a future emergency event. We encourage government buyers to compete all requirements with all BOA holders. Competition ensures the government can determine prices as fair and reasonable for each individual procurement/buy.
Is EA BOA can be used at overseas?	Nothing in the BOA prohibits their use overseas. Numerous orders have been placed to date for items to be delivered to OCONUS locations (Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico). As these are only agreements, there is no guarantee our vendors can or will choose to support emergency requirements at all locations.

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<p>Can we use the EA BOA's for emergency preparations?</p>	<p>Any commercial requirement that meets our BOA's definition of emergency would be within the scope of our BOA. Just because you can use the BOA, does not necessarily mean you should. There are numerous contract vehicles available out there. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our BOA.</p>
<p>Our company supplies emergency generators both stationary and towable in sizes from 15KW-1000KW. Are there any BOAs for these products, and how can we become a supplier under them?</p>	<p>Current BOA holders are authorized to source and supply any commercial item to government buyers. All current BOA holders are listed at the link below. Companies are encouraged to partner with current BOA holders to offer their products through.</p>
<p>Were BPA's considered when creating BOAs? Why were BOAs created rather than creating BPAs using the GSA Multiple Award Schedule? Thank you.</p>	<p>Yes, BPAs off GSA Schedules were historically used by GSA to provide FEMA with emergency acquisition support. The use of BPAs was reevaluated in 2021 when the current BPAs were coming up on their expiration dates. The GSA Emergency Acquisition Contracting Officers determined that BOAs would provide a more competitive and flexible means of supporting FEMA based on their experience using the BPAs and challenges faced during times of actual emergency/disaster events. Specifically, GSA schedule holders were often not able to meet extremely short delivery windows or honor their pricing or other terms during times of emergency. BOAs allow vendors, some of which also hold a GSA schedule contract, to source and offer government a much wider array of products and services at current market prices/rates. This increases competition because vendors are not constrained by a limited catalog of items or other restrictive terms and conditions entered into outside of an emergency environment which often become impracticable during an emergency/disaster event.</p>
<p>18 seems low. Why not 100? Are those 18 spread out geographically?</p>	<p>18 is essentially the number vendors who responded to our notices and various industry days and decided to join the program back in 2021. Presently, we have not identified any capability gaps (aside from snow removal) which require us to bring more vendors into the program. As we currently have received no less than 5 viable quotes for any requirement solicited under the BOA, there is no need to bring additional vendors in at this time. If that changes, we will reach out to industry and invite additional vendors to join. All 18 vendors are geographically dispersed across the USA and provide coverage to all of the US and its territories.</p>
<p>How often are the vendors associated with BOAs evaluated? How long are EA BOAs valid?</p>	<p>All BOAs are evaluated at least annually. We also evaluate their performance on all orders/contracts awarded to them. The BOAs are active through 12/31/2026.</p>

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How does a small business get added to the BOA list?	We review all BOAs annually at a minimum and can initiate what we call an "On-Ramping Invitation" at any time. This would essentially invite other vendors to join the program. We only conduct on-ramping when a capability is identified in which our current vendor pool cannot provide the required supply or service. We do encourage vendors to team or partner with current BOA holders if they are interested in offering their supplies or services to the government during times of emergency. 17 out 18 current BOA holders are small businesses.
What is the direct link/number for the EA BOA?	<a href="https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/emergency-response/emergency-acquisition-basic-ordering-agreements">https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/emergency-response/emergency-acquisition-basic-ordering-agreements</a>
For excess equipment items, does your organization examine the serviceability of the items prior to transferring to the new agency? For example, the tires on the donated trucks aren't bald.	No. GSA does not examine the serviceability of the items before transferring items. We rely on the owning agency, as the experts of their own property, to provide a condition code and thorough description of the property's condition. Recipients can use that information to make a determination as to whether or not that property would prove useful. They can also contact the listing agency for additional information as needed.
How and what are the basis of emergency response on distribution of needed items and monitoring effectiveness of its delivery to the affected area? In short ensuring effectiveness and accountability of delivery and not ignoring it using the vulnerability of the event.	We have allocating officers that work directly with State Agencies, and those State Agencies work with their donees to ensure fair and equitable distribution. All parties work to ensure that items will be used for disaster relief efforts before approving a transfer / donation where a disaster exception is listed.
Who, how and what specific devices are activated "Enterprise Mobility" during emergency? and under what protocols?	More information about Wireless Priority Service can be found at <a href="https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/services/wireless-priority-service-wps">https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/services/wireless-priority-service-wps</a>
What "alternative communications" activated for COOP capabilities?	This relates to the physical communications path where the primary path would be terrestrial and the alternate path is over satellite
Can you speak to TSP capability please?	More information about TSP is available from the FCC or DHS <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/general/telecommunications-service-priority">https://www.fcc.gov/general/telecommunications-service-priority</a>
What backup device connection people can rely on in emergency if the SACOM does not work due to environmental hazards, disturbance & inconsistencies?	There are multiple factor that needs to be considered. There are multiple different options available depending on your mission requirements and budget.

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<p>I live in Panama city beach and mexico beach area of the panhandle where hurricane michael did so much damage. Still a mess but developers here buying up property and cleaning up. Base had Verizon which did not work during michael but the TMobile phones did. Now we have those 5G from Verizon on telephone poles everywhere. Question areas where there are many of those poles complain they are getting headaches and have had to move from those areas. Has these Verizon 5G had any research on them for that. Just wondering.</p>	<p>I would recommend reviewing the FCC's Consumer Guide about Wireless Devices and Health Concerns - <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/wireless-devices-and-health-concerns">https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/wireless-devices-and-health-concerns</a></p>
<p>Same Starlink as the Starlink used by Ukrainian Armed Forces in Ukraine? Just curious.</p>	<p>Yes, it is the same service. We are anticipating SpaceX to add Starlink service to their GSA Schedule contract in the near future.</p>
<p>WRT Market Research -- Are there any exceptions to requirement (beyond SAT) associated with emergencies/exigencies and/or does the FAR recognize/endorse GSA/FAS as "the solution" to the time-limited research problem?</p>	<p>The FAR does not endorse MRAS specifically, it just states market research is required. MRAS assists agencies with their market research requirements and helps save time by automating the research and providing detailed reports quickly.</p>
<p>Can MRAS be used in conjunction with the BPA?</p>	<p>MRAS market research services can be used for a variety of GSA contract types and across GSA categories. Since MRAS Market Research reports also provide small business and socio-economic data, the market research provided can be used when determining set asides as well.</p>
<p>Please compare the MRAS RFI/Schedule vs RFI/RFQ on E-Buy?</p>	<p>All MRAS RFI's are posted on eBuy. MRAS provides a unique URL for an RFI survey within the eBuy posting so that industry partners can respond to technical questions via the link. We then provide a market research report summarizing the responses to those questions, including a summary of vendors' socioeconomic status, business size, contracts held and links to their capabilities statements.</p>
<p>How do we pay for using MRAS?</p>	<p>GSA's MRAS service is free to all federal, state and local agencies, and tailored to your specific requirement. Whether you need to use the Rapid Review, Product Market Research or the MRAS RFI tool, all services can be requested by visiting the <a href="http://buy.gsa.gov/mras">buy.gsa.gov/mras</a> website.</p>
<p>Does the market research identify, and point us to HUB, women-owned, veteran-owned businesses, etc.?</p>	<p>Yes it does. Your market research report will clearly summarize the socio-economic information of the vendors interested in your requirement.</p>
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<p>WRT STR (Short-Term Rentals ....) Does it include mobile and/or large capacity shredding equipment/trucks?</p>	<p>We have up to 80 cu. yard per hour shredding equipment on contract through Short Term Rental (STR). These are unique items in the rental industry and are not listed directly on our website. Please reach out to <a href="mailto:gsa_rental@gsa.gov">gsa_rental@gsa.gov</a> for further info on requesting these items.</p>
<p>So if we don't request fuel cards, should we see fuel charges on the ipac bill?</p>	<p>If you don't request fuel cards, you will not receive any fuel billing on your GSA Fleet bill. It will be your responsibility to return the vehicles with the same fuel level as when it was received.</p>
<p>what are the steps in the car rental process?</p>	<p>You can find our Customer Guide <a href="https://str.gsa.gov/str/assets/static/STR_Customer_Guide.pdf">https://str.gsa.gov/str/assets/static/STR_Customer_Guide.pdf</a>. Chapter 4 outlines the request process and info needed for submitting requirements. You can also reach out to <a href="mailto:gsa_rental@gsa.gov">gsa_rental@gsa.gov</a> for additional information.</p>
<p>how does the rental of vehicles compare to using the regular gov't rental of cars with the major rental companies</p>	<p>Short Term Rental can not be used for TDY/travel purposes. We utilize all major rental companies similar to gov't travel programs. The actual rental process/experience should be the same between STR and travel programs. One key difference is GARS (Government Administrative Rate Supplement) is not permissible through STR. Any damage to the vehicles will be submitted to GSA as a damage claim and passed through to your agency's GSA Fleet Rental bill.</p>