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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

SPECIAL ATTENTION OF: NOTICE PIH 2025-11

Administrators, Offices of Native American Programs; Tribes; Tribally Designated

**Housing Entities** 

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**Expires:** This Notice remains in effect until

amended, superseded, or rescinded.

Cross References: Office of Native American Programs Program Guidance 2013-10(R)

# **SUBJECT: Federal Supply Sources**

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to provide information to Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) about Federal supply sources and other General Services Administration (GSA) services available under Section 101(j) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) (NAHASDA).

On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order titled *Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis*. This Executive Order directs Executive Departments and Agencies to take actions to lower the cost of housing, expand the housing supply, and eliminate unnecessary administrative expenses. In furtherance of the Executive Order, this Notice provides updated guidance to Tribes and TDHEs carrying out activities, programs, and projects under NAHASDA on how to access pre-negotiated discounted rates for goods and services currently offered through Federal supply sources.

This Notice replaces Office of Native American Programs Program Guidance 2013-10(R).

# 2. BACKGROUND

Tribes and TDHEs carrying out activities, programs, and projects under NAHASDA may procure goods and services at pre-negotiated discounted rates currently offered by vendors to Federal agencies through Federal supply sources. Section 101(j) of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4111(j)) provides as follows:

- (j) Federal Supply Sources. For purposes of section 501 of title 40, United States Code, on election by the applicable Indian tribe
  - (1) Each Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity shall be considered to be an Executive agency in carrying out any program, service, or other activity under this Act; and

(2) Each Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity and each employee of the Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity shall have access to sources of supply on the same basis as employees of an Executive agency.

Section 501 of Title 40, United States Code, provides that the Administrator of the GSA shall procure and supply personal property and non-personal services for Executive Departments and Agencies to use in the proper discharge of their responsibilities, and perform functions related to procurement and supply including contracting, inspection, storage, issue, property identification and classification, transportation and traffic management, management of public utility services, and repairing and converting.

While this benefit has been available to Tribes and TDHEs since NAHASDA was amended in 2008, some Tribes and TDHEs have yet to take advantage of this benefit. HUD strongly encourages all Tribes and TDHEs to consider using these additional administrative flexibilities to help reduce the cost of goods and services procured while constructing, rehabilitating, maintaining, and operating NAHASDA-funded housing in Tribal communities.

# 3. FEDERAL SUPPLY SOURCES

There are many benefits to using GSA supply sources, including:

- Streamlined regulatory compliance
- Faster buying process
- Fair and reasonable prices
- Vast supplies and services

GSA maintains a <u>Native American Affairs</u> webpage, where you can find information and resources available to Tribal entities.

<u>GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS)</u>: The MAS program, also called the Federal Supply Schedule, is where eligible buyers can get commercial products and services at good prices while saving time and money. Prices, as well as the terms and conditions, are all pre-negotiated, and Tribes and TDHEs can utilize these schedules to access contracting opportunities and streamline the procurement process.

Examples of offerings on the Federal Supply Schedule:

- Professional Services
  - o Information Technology (IT)
  - o Accounting
  - o Human Resources
  - o Security Services
  - o Management and Consulting Services
  - o Construction Management Services

- Commercial Products
  - Construction Materials
  - Hardware and Software
  - o Building and Industrial Materials
  - o Machinery
  - o Fire/Rescue/Safety Equipment

There are additional GSA contracts that provide non-commercial products and services if your Tribe qualifies, such as GSA's Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts and Multi-Agency Contracts. Email <a href="mailto:tribalaffairs@gsa.gov">tribalaffairs@gsa.gov</a> to learn more about these opportunities.

## Learn more:

- Visit the <u>MAS</u> webpage, which provides more information about how to access commercial products and services.
- Visit the MAS YouTube channel to watch recorded training sessions.

**GSA Vehicle Purchasing:** Tribes and TDHEs can use the **GSAFleet** program to purchase vehicles (e.g., cars, trucks, vans, etc.) to fit their needs. However, Tribes and TDHEs do not have access to GSA vehicle leasing under NAHASDA. You can configure vehicles, choose equipment options, and view side-by-side comparisons of vehicle models.

## Learn more:

- Visit the <u>vehicle purchasing</u> webpage, which provides information on how to buy vehicles, report vehicle problems, and get vehicle accessories.
- Visit the <u>eligible requirements</u> webpage to learn if your Tribe or TDHE is eligible to use the program.
- Call (844) 472-1200 or email: <u>vehicle.buying@gsa.gov</u>.

Other GSA Programs: Your Tribe or TDHE may qualify to use other GSA programs, such as:

- City Pair Program: You can use this to procure and manage discounted airline tickets.
- <u>GSA SmartPay Charge Card</u>: You can use this for different payment solutions, including purchase, travel, fleet, and integrated cards.
- <u>Travel Services</u>: You can use this to take advantage of GSA's travel agency services to manage travel needs efficiently and cost-effectively.

**QUESTIONS:** Inquiries regarding the use of GSA sources may be addressed to GSA's Tribal Affairs office at: <a href="mailto:TribalAffairs@gsa.gov">TribalAffairs@gsa.gov</a>. You can also download or order <a href="mailto:GSA's Tribal">GSA's Tribal</a> Ordering Guide, which includes information on Tribal and Federal policies, and the programs listed above.

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