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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Federal Supply Schedule Service of the National Acquisition Center presently manages nine Federal Supply Schedules (FSS). All schedules are open and continuous, which allows new vendors to come in for consideration any time throughout the year. FSS contracts are awarded to responsible companies wherein the Government determined fair and reasonable prices. An FSS contract is a multiple award, multi-year contract that provides a variety of product and service choices to the customers.

The contract period is for 5 (five) years from the date of award. There is an Option to Extend clause incorporated into all schedule solicitations that allows the Government to unilaterally extend the contracts in one, two or five year increments not to exceed a total of five additional years. The authorized users of these types of contracts include all federal government agencies, Bureau of Prisons, State Veteran Homes, etc. The customer makes the actual purchase decision dependent upon their specific requirements.

Offerors provide products and/or services for negotiation and award under this system. The products and/or services are classified under general categories known as Special Item Numbers (SIN), which are specific to the individual schedule program. Product and/or service pricing as well as other terms/conditions negotiated for an FSS contract are based upon an offeror's commercial practices. The negotiation process begins with an evaluation (price analysis) of an offeror's most favored commercial customer (MFC) prices and related terms and conditions. Many FSS contracts have negotiated Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) under the Blanket Purchase Agreement Clause of the contracts that provides for further negotiations based on some type of commitment from the actual customer. These BPAs have been negotiated based on market share, quantity tiers, shared risk, efficacy guarantees, etc. The BPAs provide a way for the government customers to take advantage of commercial programs within the marketplace by tailoring them to the government system.

Current contractors can propose changes to awarded products and/or services throughout the life of their contract under the Modification Clause, Economic Price Adjustment Clause, and Price Reduction Clause.





#### Schedule 65IB

Pharmaceuticals and Drugs

The Pharmaceutical Schedule currently incorporates the following 6 commodity groups, Special Item Numbers (SIN): SIN 42-1 Non-prescription medicated cosmetics & surgical soaps, SIN 42-2A Single source innovator, multiple source innovator, biological & insulin pharmaceutical products, SIN 42-2B Generic & multiple source pharmaceuticals & drugs, human blood products & over-the-counter drugs, SIN 42-3 Complete IV delivery systems, SIN 42-4 New molecular entity, SIN 42-5 Nutritional/dietary supplements, SIN 622 Antiseptic liquid skin cleansing detergents & soaps, dispensers. There are approximately 300 contracts in place for these various pharmaceutical product groups.

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#### Schedule 65IIC

**Dental Equipment and Supplies** The Dental Supply Schedule currently incorporates 42 commodities ranging from simple dental floss to handheld surgical equipment to dentures to dental x-ray materials to cabinets/chairs, etc. There are approximately 80 contracts in place for these various dental product groups. New Initiatives for this commodity group include work with the Dental User Group to increase the effectiveness of the schedule for its Government customers. Currently, efforts are being concentrated on working through the GSA Form 1649 process to add additional product categories under the schedule. The addition of bone grafting materials is the focus for the third guarter of Fiscal Year 2004.

## Schedule 65IIA Medical Equipment and Supplies



Under this schedule the VA Federal Supply Schedule Service Medical Equipment and Supplies Team is charged with negotiating, awarding, administering, and maintaining contracts for "Medical Equipment & Supplies". A wide variety of commodities are contracted for under this schedule including basic gauze bandages to complex physiological monitoring systems. There are 96 Special Item Numbers covered under the schedule. Leasing options are available under many of the equipment contracts in addition to outright purchasing. This schedule along with all other VA FSS, help reduce administrative costs for both the VA and the contractor, while still providing ease and flexibility now available with "open and continuous" solicitations.



#### Schedule 65IIF

Patient Mobility Devices - (Including Walkers, Wheelchairs, and Scooters)

The Patient Mobility Supply Schedule currently incorporates the following 10 commodity groups available from approximately 70 contracts in place for these various patient mobility product groups: Manual Wheelchairs, Powered Wheelchairs, Scooters, motorized, threewheeled, Stand-up wheelchairs, Wheelchair cushions, Accessory Products: Anti-tip devices, Oxygen tank holders, Wheelchair positioners and Wheelchair tires. Also Transport lifts, Portable ramp systems and Patient Aids: Walkers, Canes, Crutches, Shower Aids, Commode Chairs, Grab bars.



Schedule 65 VA

Medical X-Ray Equipment and Supplies -(Including Medical and Dental X-Ray Film) The X-ray Supply Schedule currently incorporates the following 10 commodity groups consisting of over 15 contracts in place for these various X-ray product groups of: Film, X-ray Medical (all types), Film, X-ray Dental (all types), Changer, X-ray film, Illuminators/ Viewers, Film, Processors, X-ray film, Grids and Cassettes, Cutters/Perforators, Film; Hangers; Aprons; Shields; Gloves; Markers, etc., Injectors, Angiographic, Video Equipment, X-ray, Medical and Intro of New Products category.



#### Schedule 66 III

**Clinical Analyzers, Laboratory, Cost-Per-Test** Offered under this Multiple Award Schedule, FSC Group 66 Part III, Laboratory analyzers routinely used for clinical analysis including; chemistry, hematology, coagulation, microbiology urinalysis and immunochemistry assays are available on a non-capital acquisition basis. The contractors are required to furnish the laboratory analyzer, all supplies and consumables necessary to operate the contractor's equipment, training for personnel and equipment maintenance (emergency repair and preventive service) necessary to fulfill the test requirements. All of the related products and services are paid for on a per test basis. The schedule helps reduce capital equipment expenditures in conjunction with mitigating equipment obsolescence.

#### Schedule 65 VII

## In Vitro Diagnostic, Reagents, Test Kits and Test Sets Reagent and Diagnostic Schedule currently incorporates

Reagent and Diagnostic Schedule currently incorporates the following 10 commodity groups, and featuring approximately 70 contracts in place for these various pharmaceutical product groups with Special Item Numbers (SIN): SIN 555-1 Blood Bank, Reagents/Controls, SIN 555-2 Chemistry, Reagents/Controls, SIN 555-3 Coagulation, Reagents/Controls, SIN 555-6 Microbiology, Reagents/Stains/Prepared Media/Collection System, SIN 555-7 Phlebotomy, Collection Tubes/Sets/Lancets/Skin Prep and SIN 555-8 Serology/Immunology, Reagents/Controls





#### Schedule 621 I

Professional Medical Healthcare Services Federal Supply Schedule for Medical Staffing Solutions can help you bridge your gaps in professional clinical staffing with this schedule's solutions for everything from physicians to allied healthcare providers. This schedule accommodates the clinical specialists that you may need to support your mission on a short or long term basis when place of performance is at Federal Government facilities. It also includes the ability to acquire non-personal and personal healthcare services. An assortment of companies are available with a variety of geographic capabilities affording medical facilities in remote locations the same services, convenience and pricing as their larger counterparts. With streamlined ordering procedures, pre-qualified vendors and prenegotiated flexible terms and condition, clinical professionals are now easier to obtain than they ever have before under Schedule 621 I.

Proposed commodity schedules that are currently undergoing program and case review for the solicitation process, include Medical Services Schedule initiatives in of:

#### Schedule 621 II

Medical Laboratory Testing and Analysis Services

#### Schedule 621 III

Home Infusion Therapy Services

Schedule 621 IV

**Drug Returns/Reverse Distribution** 

Schedule - Schedule 621 V

**Tele-radiology Services** 

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