

**Attention: State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Governments,**

This document is notification of a new “eligible ordering activity” that is now authorized to purchase via all Federal Supply Schedules services when expending Federal grants funds in response to Public Health Emergencies (PHE) declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Services Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 247d. This new authority is effective immediately.

This limited policy change will allow state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, purchasing with Federal grant funds in support of activities to prevent and respond to the above listed PHEs, to purchase via all GSA Federal Supply Schedules. This limited policy change has support of the National Security Staff, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Section 40 U.S.C § 501 (a)(1) provides that the Administrator of General Services shall take action for executive agencies to the extent that he determines that the action is advantageous to the Federal government in terms of economy, efficiency, or service. This action includes the procurement, “and supply of personal property and nonpersonal services for executive agencies to use in the proper discharge of their responsibilities...” 40 U.S.C § 501 (b)(1)(A).

In 1967 GSA’s Administrator determined that the functions performed by grantees are integral to Federal agencies and therefore supplying and equipping these grantees would provide the government with greater economy and efficiency in terms of procurement programs in accordance with 40 U.S.C § 501. Pursuant to recent changes and in support of current and upcoming PHEs, the GSA Administrator, with support from aforementioned agencies, has authorized state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to purchase via all Federal Supply Schedules when purchasing with Federal grant funds in support of activities to prevent and respond to Public Health Emergencies (PHE) declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under 319 of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. § 247d.

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