



General Services Administration
Interagency Committee on Security Equipment and Locking Systems
30 May, 2019

To: Security Container Manufacturers
Subject: End of the Exemption Process (30 September 2019)

Dear Sir/Madam:

In April, 2014, the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) issued ISOO Notice 2014-02 which updated the Code of Federal Regulations to require "GSA Approved" security containers and vault doors must now be procured through GSA Global Supply utilizing the appropriate National Stock Number." In order to ensure the security equipment continued to be available for mission critical purposes an exemption process was established. The exemption process that was setup after the contract award of 2014 was intended to be a temporary means of ensuring all contractors who required a GSA approved security file cabinet could obtain one while simultaneously amending their contract appropriately to ensure the capability to procure one correctly in the future. It is now 5 years later and sufficient time has passed to amend the contracts to allow for the procurement through the appropriate process.

Therefore, the General Services Administration, in coordination with the Interagency Committee on Security Equipment (IACSE) intends to end the GSA procurement exemption process at the end of this fiscal year (30 September 2019). Beginning in FY – 2020 (1 October 2019) all GSA approved security containers must be procured through the GSA Global Supply procurement system (FEDSTRIP, MILSTRIP, GSA Advantage, GSA Schedule, Etc. as prescribed in the ISOO Notice). Ordering through GSA Global Supply requires either a Government Purchase Card (GPC) or DoDAAC/AAC authorized by the Government contracting officer. Details on ordering through GSA Global Supply are available at the following web page:

<https://www.gsa.gov/buying-selling/purchasing-programs/requisition-programs/gsa-global-supply/nsns-and-product-lines/security-containers/ordering-procedures-for-security-containers>

Please ensure that every exemption request for the remainder of FY 2019 includes this letter with the attached instructions on how to obtain the authority to procure security file cabinets through the GSA Procurement system.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Pollock at Christopher.pollock@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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