# power up the buying process

## jump start your RFQ process with GSA e-Buy

From engineering services to office equipment and more than six million other services and products on GSA Multiple Award Schedules, Federal government purchasers are using GSA e-Buy to power up the buying process and meet their acquisition needs. Part of GSA's suite of online acquisition tools, e-Buy, lets you create and post electronic RFQs for response by any of the GSA MAS contractors in GSAAdvantage!® offering the SIN you need to buy.

#### Improve Efficiency and Productivity

As year-end purchasing requirements mount, e-Buy makes your job easier by reducing paper, and allowing you to completely manage and streamline acquisitions from your desktop.

Simply identify the GSA Schedule that covers your product or service requirement and fill in your request for quote on e-Buy. Your RFQ will be posted online for review by GSA Schedule contractors with contracts for the particular service or product you need to purchase. You choose to notify contractors you select about your request – informed by the market research you have done using GSA Schedules e-Library – and those companies can e-mail their quotes directly to you.

You maintain control of the acquisition process, and get the information you need to make a best-value determination right at your desktop.

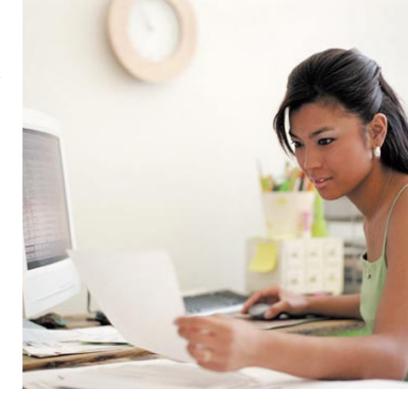
#### **Power Up, Acquisition Time Down**

Join the e-Buy forward thinkers who have found a better way to conduct the government's business. Become one of the e-Buy power users, like Heidiann Arnold, a civilian Procurement Assistant working at Fort Detrick, MD. Her primary customers are Air Force medical logisticians whose requirements include a broad range of office machines, physical therapy and X-ray machines, microscopes, and lab equipment.

"I was totally able to reorganize my schedule because I saved so much time by using e-Buy. I work in a very busy, fast-paced, ever-changing contracting office. We are very focused on quality and have a goal of keeping our lead time to a minimum, and this makes your e-Buy system a very valuable resource," said Heidiann.

Or Pamela Smith, a senior Purchasing Agent with the EPA's Office of Research and Development Service Center in Research Triangle Park, NC. Her primary clients are the scientists and specialists who work at EPA regional laboratories across the U.S., whose requirements can range from computers to lab equipment to outboard motors. Recently, she submitted an RFQ through e-Buy for 15 laptop computers. She sent the RFQ to three vendors. Ten responded. (The others spotted Pamela's RFQ on the e-Buy bulletin board.) Ultimately, she was able to buy 18 laptops for a price she had budgeted for 15!

"e-Buy has opened up the whole process for vendors and given opportunities to a wider range of them. It really works for me too as an 1105. I know the vendors are valid because GSA has pre-qualified them and I know the procurement meets the FAR Part 8 requirements. It's just a great tool for the government," said Pamela.



Today, 43 Federal and Department of Defense agencies are leading the way in deploying e-Buy as their preferred online acquisition tool, and the number of RFQs posted on e-Buy is up 140% over this time last year.

When you use e-Buy, you benefit from increased competition among the product and service providers. The visibility of your request to all GSA Schedule contractors who offer what you need to buy translates to a better chance of getting a budget-beating price quote.

And because of the increased competition resulting from the transparency of RFQs on e-Buy, using e-Buy to post your RFQs satisfies the Section 803 requirements of the Defense Authorization Act—to seek maximum practicable competition in services acquisitions.

### Top Ten e-Buy Users by Number of RFQs Posted

- 1. U.S Air Force
- 2. General Services Administration (GSA)
- 3. U.S. Army
- 4. U.S. Navy
- 5. Department of Homeland Security
- 6. Department of Interior
- 7. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 8. Department of Agriculture
- 9. Department of Defense (Office of the Secretary)
- 10. NASA

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#### Learn More, Sign On, Get the Help You **Need to Post Your First RFQ Today**

On April 1, GSA conducted its first webinar on e-Buy. More are planned for later in the summer. An archived copy of the April 1 session is available for viewing on demand at www.vodium.com/goto/gsa/powerup.asp.

Sign on and post your first RFQ today at www.ebuy.gsa.gov.

For downloadable self-paced tutorials and other training materials on e-Buy and other GSA on-line acquisition tools, visit www.gsa.gov/powerup.

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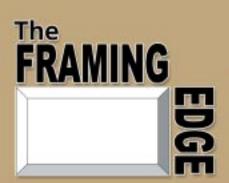


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