

## 8.401 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

*Ordering activity* means an activity that is authorized to place orders, or establish blanket purchase agreements (BPA), against the General Services Administration's (GSA) *Multiple Award Schedule* contracts. A list of eligible *ordering activities* is available at <http://www.gsa.gov/schedules> (click "For Customers Ordering from Schedules" and then "Eligibility to Use GSA Sources").

*Multiple Award Schedule (MAS)* means contracts awarded by GSA or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for similar or comparable *supplies*, or services, established with more than one supplier, at varying prices. The primary statutory authorities for the MAS program are [41 U.S.C. 152\(3\)](#), Competitive Procedures, and [40 U.S.C. 501](#), Services for *Executive Agencies*.

*Requiring agency* means the agency needing the *supplies* or services.

*Schedules e-Library* means the on-line source for GSA and VA Federal Supply Schedule contract award information. *Schedules e-Library* may be accessed at <http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary>.

*Special Item Number (SIN)* means a group of generically similar (but not identical) *supplies* or services that are intended to serve the same general purpose or function.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 8.4 - Federal Supply Schedules](#)