

VA FSS Newsletter

Your source for VA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) News and Updates

What's New with FSS?

This January FSS moved to its new home on the first floor of the National Acquisition Center in Hines, IL, consolidating the Contracting Team office with two Program Management and Resource Support (PMRS) Team offices. This new, cohesive arrangement will provide long term benefits for both FSS and the contracting community.

FSS has continued our hiring efforts with the addition of six new Contract Specialists: Erik Boehmke, Margaret (Maggie) Hill, Tiffani Hollis, Avash Khadka, Joseph Levy, and Sarah Shields. These employees represent the future of VA Healthcare, and they sprinted out of the starting blocks with new energy and inquisitiveness that every organization needs. We would also like to welcome Dave Hackett, Chief of PMRS. Dave joins us with over 17 years of federal contracting experience, most recently serving as the Contracts Director of DCMA Baltimore. We are looking forward to his contribution to our leadership team.

Inside FSS

Greetings to all readers, whether you are VA and Other Government Agencies (OGA) ordering personnel, vendors, or the general public. I am pleased that you are interested in what's going on with VA's FSS program. I have participated in multiple industry engagements and extended a vision of transparency that many vendors have utilized by reaching out to me not only to elevate issues, but also to provide additional knowledge about their products and services. In most cases we end up seeing new perspectives and find a way to move forward with improved communication while developing a better understanding of the challenges that each of us faces. FSS continues to strive for improvement in four areas: **Speed** - finding ways to move work faster; **Choice** – providing more items to choose from that enhance care; **Quality** – maintaining reliability in the products and services on Schedule through compliant contracts; and **Price** - negotiating fair and reasonable pricing on behalf of future ordering offices while vendors compete actively on price. The combination of the four areas delivers **Value**. FSS is not a mandatory source which means that together we must improve in the four areas of Speed, Choice, Quality, and Price to a degree that both VA and OGA ordering offices realize greater value from the schedules. Although FSS has made progress, we have more to improve in productivity and responsiveness.



We are committed to Excellence Together and invite you to join us in our efforts by attending the **NAC Healthcare Industry Days** in Rosemont, IL, just outside O'Hare Airport, April 3 - 4, 2019. To register and to learn more about this event, you can go to <http://www.2019nac.com/>. At NAC's Healthcare Industry Day, I will be sharing more information regarding progress toward our FY19 objectives. Please consider joining us at NAC Healthcare Industry Days where you can engage with the FSS staff and hear from several leaders from across VA. Our goal is to make it a bridging mission, where stronger bridges are built between Government and Industry, and you play a very important part. I hope to see many of you at the event.

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Pharm Facts!

Public Law Season Wrap-up



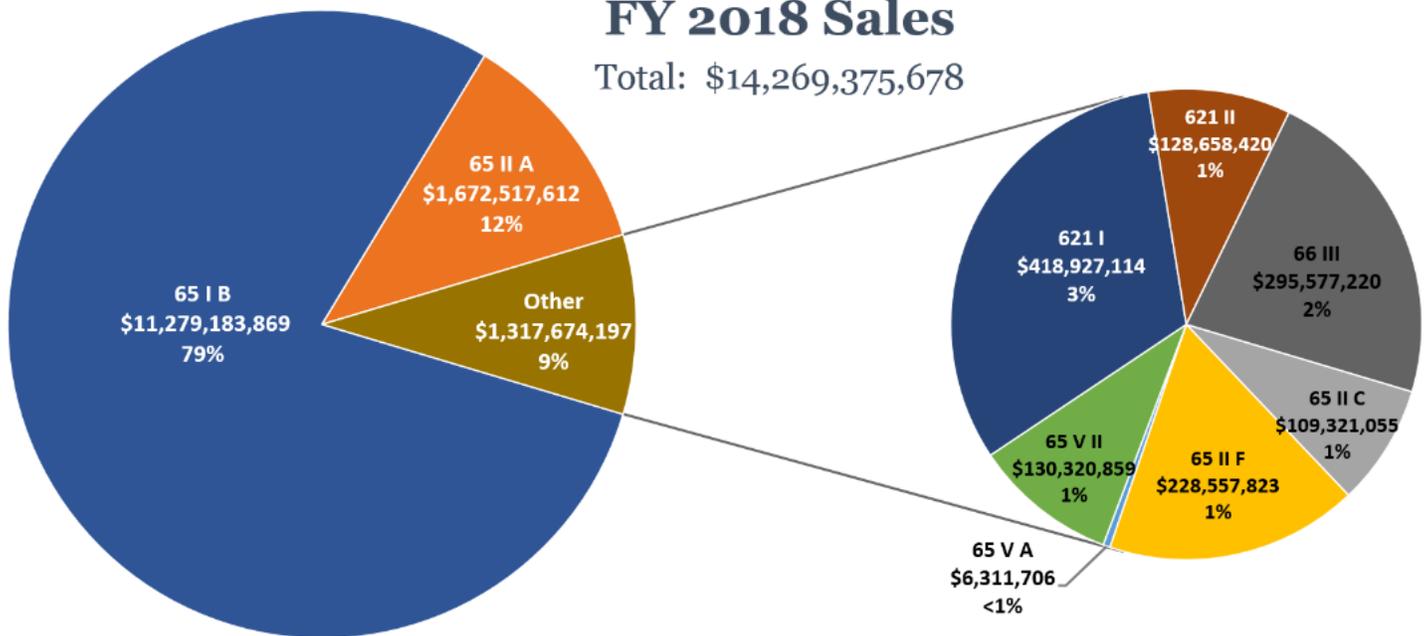
The 2019 Public Law season has now ended, and after a couple of months of intense efforts, FSS has modified 323 pharmaceutical contracts to incorporate annual updates to covered drug pricing pursuant to Public 102-585. Additionally, our contracting staff executed more than 250 modifications for temporary price reductions. Thanks goes out to all our 65 I B schedule contractors and the FSS Pharmaceutical Team for your efforts in making this a successful Public Law Season!

Contract Corner

2018 Year in Review

FY 2018 Sales

Total: \$14,269,375,678



Schedule	2018 Contract Awards	2018 Contract Extensions	2018 Contract Modifications
65 I B	86	N/A	2571
65 II A	114	65	2075
65 II C	4	4	187
65 II F	14	12	375
65 V A	2	1	43
65 V II	6	6	130
621 I	25	32	494
621 II	4	1	55
66 III	2	0	43
TOTAL	257	121	5973

Upcoming Events

April 3 – 4, 2019

[National Acquisition Center \(NAC\) Healthcare Industry Days](#)

Rosemont
(Chicago), IL

Training Center

Contractor Deliverables: Annual Services & Sustainability Reporting

This article is the third and last article in a series highlighting the requirements for deliverables under your FSS contract. In addition to the annual requirements for all contractors to update their registrations in the System for Award Management (SAM) and to file VETS 4212 reports, there are some deliverables that are only applicable to certain schedules, such as insurance requirements under our services schedules. Below are two newer, schedule specific reporting requirements that we would like to bring to your attention.

SERVICES REPORTING FOR INDEFINITE DELIVERY CONTRACTS: DUE ANNUALLY BY OCTOBER 31ST

Solicitation clause 52.204-15 Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts contains reporting requirements applicable to schedules **621 I** and **621 II** and to repair services Special Item Numbers (SINs) under schedule **65 II A (SIN A-200)** and schedule **65 II C (SIN C-100)**. This clause requires contractors to report annually by October 31, for services performed during the preceding Government fiscal year (October 1-September 30) under their FSS contract for orders that exceed the thresholds established in FAR 4.1703(a)(2). Currently this threshold is \$500,000 or greater. Contractors are required to report the following information:

- 1) Contract number and order number.
- 2) The total dollar amount invoiced for services performed during the previous Government fiscal year under the order.
- 3) The number of Contractor direct labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.
- 4) Data reported by subcontractors under paragraph (f) of this clause.

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING: DUE ANNUALLY BY NOVEMBER 30TH

FSS contractors under schedules **65 II A**, **65 II C**, **65 VA**, **65 VII**, **65 IB**, and **66 III** must comply with solicitation clause 52.223-11 Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons, as applicable. This clause sets forth labeling and reporting requirements for products that contain or are manufactured with ozone-depleting substances. Additionally, for equipment and appliances that normally each contain 50 or more pounds of hydrofluorocarbons or refrigerant blends containing hydrofluorocarbons, the Contractor must track and report on an annual basis the amount in pounds of HFCs or refrigerant blends containing HFCs contained in the equipment and appliances delivered to the Government under the contract. Reports cover the period of October 1 through September 30th and are due 1) by November 30th of each year during contract performance and 2) at the end of contract performance. Reports should be filed at <https://sam.gov>. Please read the full text of solicitation clause 52.223-11 for further details.

For more information on contract deliverables, visit our FSS Contractor Responsibilities webpage at <https://www.va.gov/opal/nac/fss/responsibilities.asp>.

Around the VA

VA Mobile Pharmacies

During hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, the VA deployed mobile medical clinics to help local communities. From this the idea for VA Mobile Pharmacies was born. In 2007, the VA unveiled its first mobile pharmacy with more soon to follow, placed strategically across the nation. Each unit in the VA's Emergency Pharmacy Service fleet is a 40-foot-long solid steel trailer that includes a satellite connection with VA's Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) and the VA's health care network, a patient area, a pharmacist's work area, and a shower and sleeping area for VA personnel. These units can deploy on short notice and provide critical prescriptions to communities during natural disasters and other emergencies. Supply trailers accompany these units, providing potable water, Meal Ready to Eat (MREs), and other such additional items.



FSS FAQ: What are mass modifications?

Mass modifications are issued when there is a uniform change that impacts the Schedule solicitation (i.e. solicitation refresh, new clause requirements, etc.) as well as when a correction must be made to the solicitation or to a previous mass modification. Most mass modifications must be executed bilaterally. Schedule contractors are notified when a mass modification is issued for their Schedule solicitation via email with follow-up by their assigned contract specialist. All contractors are required to sign and return mass modifications for incorporation into their VA FSS contract. To access current/previous mass modifications along with instructions for submission, visit our Mass Modifications web page at <https://www.va.gov/opal/nac/fss/massMods.asp>.



REMINDER! IFF / Report of Sales Due

2nd quarter FY 2019 sales reports and Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) payments are due on April 1, 2019, but no later than May 31, 2019, after which payments are considered delinquent. All VA FSS contractors are required to submit a report via the [VA Sales Reporting System](#) even if no sales occurred under the contract. The 2nd Quarter covers sales from Jan 1 – Mar 31.

For more information, visit our [Sales Reports & IFF](#) page online. For assistance from our VA Sales Desk, please contact us by e-mail at FSSSales.AMMHIN@va.gov.

Web Wisdom VA Schedule Programs

Our FSS [VA Schedule Programs](#) web page serves as a landing page for all 9 of our FSS schedules. It provides the schedule number, name, base solicitation number, and solicitation revision number (e.g. R9) under which we are currently accepting proposals.

Additionally, it provides starting point links for prospective and current contractors to direct them towards how to get on schedule and how to manage an FSS contract. For more information on each schedule, click on the schedule number to link to the schedule-specific web page.

Useful Links

[FSS Web Portal](#)

[VA Schedule Programs](#)

[FSS Contractors](#)

[FSS Customers](#)

[Training](#)

[Modification Request Forms \(RFMs\)](#)

[Contractor Responsibilities](#)

[Small Business Subcontracting](#)

[Sales Reports & IFF](#)

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