

**CI-FSS-056 FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) PART  
51 DEVIATION AUTHORITY (FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULES)  
(JAN 2010)**

(a) *General Background.*

On October 8, 2009, a class deviation to FAR Part 51 was granted by GSA's Senior Procurement Executive in accordance with FAR Subpart 1.404, Class deviations. The deviation permits federal contracting officers to authorize GSA contractors, who are performing an order on a time-and-material or labor-hour basis, to purchase supplies and services from schedule contractors or to process requisitions through the Global Supply Program.

(b) *Orders.*

Orders placed using the FAR Part 51 deviation shall be:

- (1) Placed on a time-and-materials (T&M)/labor-hour (LH) basis—an order placed by the Federal Government to the buying contractor can be partially fixed price, but the portion of the order for the items to be procured using the FAR Part 51 deviation shall be T&M/LH;
- (2) For ancillary supplies/services that are in support of the overall order such that the items are not the primary purpose of the work ordered, but are an integral part of the total solution offered;
- (3) Issued in accordance with the procedures in FAR 8.405-1, Ordering Procedures for supplies, and services not requiring a statement of work;
- (4) Placed by the Federal Government. The authorization is **NOT** available to state and local governments.

(c) For comprehensive guidance on the proper use the FAR Part 51 authority granted by the deviation, please refer to the Ordering Guide at [www.gsa.gov/far51deviation](http://www.gsa.gov/far51deviation).