## 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 <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/schedules">http://www.gsa.gov/schedules</a> (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 <u>41 U.S.C. 152(3)</u>, Competitive Procedures, and <u>40 U.S.C. 501</u>, 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 <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary">http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary</a>.

*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.

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