property at least 90 days before the transfer. The agency owning the property shall negotiate with the agency gaining the facility for continued cross-servicing of the property at the facility. The agency gaining the facility shall continue the cross-servicing arrangements unless they are contrary to the best interest of the Government.  


Normally, charges for services rendered will be based upon the standard rates established by the agency for internal use. However, special rates may be negotiated to cover actual or estimated costs for large, bulk lots of material when the applicable rates appear inequitable, subject to the approval of the appropriate program official for the civilian agency, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (I and L) when DOD is involved.  


Reimbursement for services rendered shall be made promptly after receipt of billing. The frequency for billing and reimbursement shall be established by the activity providing warehousing and storage services; however, billing and reimbursement shall be made not less frequently than quarterly nor more frequently than monthly.  


As used in this subpart 101–28.2, the following term shall apply.  


A Government activity or facility utilized for the receipt, storage, and issue of supplies, materials, and equipment, including storage of reserve or excess stocks or intransit storage. The activity may be either Government owned or leased, and it may be either Government operated or contract operated.  

Subpart 101–28.3—Customer Supply Centers  

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§ 101–28.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart provides policy for the GSA customer supply center program, including policy on item stockage, services provided, and Federal agency participation.  

§ 101–28.301 Applicability.

This subpart is applicable to all activities that are eligible to use customer supply centers. Eligible activities include executive agencies, elements of the legislative and judicial branches of the Government, and cost reimbursable contractors. Customer supply centers are for the use of activities located within the market area of a customer supply center as determined by GSA.  


Customer supply centers are retail supply distribution outlets established by GSA to provide efficient, economical support of frequently needed common-use expendable items for the accomplishment of customer agency missions.  

§ 101–28.303 Benefits provided by customer supply centers.

The customer supply centers (CSCs) provide the following:  

(a) Overall savings to the Federal Government through volume purchases.  

(b) Quick and easy catalog item selection and simplified order placement
§ 101–28.304 Item selection and stockage criteria.

§ 101–28.304–1 Types of items.

Items stocked in customer supply centers are based on customer agency requirements for common use expendable items. In addition to administrative type items commonly used in Government offices, janitorial supplies, handtools, and other industrial-type items are stocked when required to meet the mission-related needs of the activities supported by the CSC.

§ 101–28.304–2 Determining items to be stocked.

(a) Each CSC will stock administrative items normally required by Federal agencies for day-to-day operations. In addition to those items, each CSC will stock additional items as determined by the requirements of the activities within the geographic area it serves.

(b) Regional FSS offices will canvass customer agencies periodically to identify items for which there is an official need within their support area.

(c) Customer agencies may request that specific items be stocked by their support CSC. The requests must be submitted in writing to the appropriate FSS Bureau Director and must be signed by a customer agency official at a level of responsibility (division director or higher) acceptable to the GSA Regional Administrator. All requests must indicate the expected monthly usage of the item requested. Each request will be evaluated and the submitting activity notified of the results of the evaluation.

§ 101–28.305 Prices of customer supply center items.

The selling price of a CSC item is an average price which is calculated automatically by the CSC computer at the time the item is ordered. Items stocked in CSCs that are obtained from GSA wholesale supply distribution facilities are input into the computer at the price in effect at the time of shipment from the facilities (this price is normally the price shown in the GSA Supply Catalog). Items stocked in CSCs that are not available from GSA wholesale supply distribution facilities but which are obtained from other Government supply sources or commercial sources are input into the computer at the invoice cost. Due to cost averaging, item prices listed in the CSC catalog may differ somewhat from the sale price for a particular transaction.

§ 101–28.306 Customer supply center (CSC) accounts and related controls.


(a) Eligible agencies should contact the GSA Regional Federal Supply Service Bureau to obtain full information on the use of the CSC for their locale. FSS Bureau personnel will provide assistance to agencies in the establishment of the CSC account, brief personnel on the use of the CSC to meet local, retail supply requirements, and provide copies of the CSC catalog.

(b) An appropriate level management official (division director of higher) authorized to obligate agency funds must sign the GSA Form 3525, Application for Customer Supply Services, requesting establishment of the CSC account for the activity.


(a) Orders are received by the CSC via phone, mail, electronic mail, or in person on a walk-in basis for urgent agency requirements. All use of the CSC is based upon the customer access