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SUMMARY: This agenda announces the proposed regulatory actions that GSA plans for the next 12 months and those that were completed since the fall 2009 edition. This agenda was developed under the guidelines of Executive Order 12866 “Regulatory Planning and Review.” GSA’s purpose in publishing this agenda is to allow interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. GSA also invites interested persons to recommend existing significant regulations for review to determine whether they should be modified or eliminated. Proposed rules may be reviewed in their entirety at the Government’s rulemaking website at http://www.regulations.gov.

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275. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION REGULATION (GSAR) CASE 2006–G522; FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTS—RECOVERY PURCHASING BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULES

Legal Authority: 40 USC 121(c); 40 USC 502(d)

Abstract: The rule is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to implement section 833 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Pub. L. 109–364). Section 833 amends 40 U.S.C. 502 to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide to State and local governments the use of Federal Supply Schedules of the GSA for purchase of products and services to be used to facilitate recovery from a major disaster declared by the President or to facilitate recovery from terrorism, or nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack.

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276. GSAR CASE 2008–G517; COOPERATIVE PURCHASING—ACQUISITION OF SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED GOODS AND SERVICES (SCHEDULE 84) BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULES

Legal Authority: 40 USC 121(c)

Abstract: The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to implement Public Law 110-248, The Local Preparedness Acquisition Act. The Act authorizes the Administrator of General Services to provide for the use by State or local governments of Federal Supply Schedules of the General Services Administration (GSA) for alarm and signal systems, facility management systems, firefighting and rescue equipment, law enforcement and security equipment, marine craft and related equipment, special purpose clothing, and related services (as contained in Federal supply classification code group 84 or any amended or subsequent version of that Federal supply classification group).

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277. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION REGULATION (GSAR) CASE 2006–G507; REWRITE OF PART 538, FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTING

Legal Authority: 40 USC 121(c)

Abstract: The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to revise sections of GSAR part 538 that provide requirements for Federal Supply Schedule Contracting actions. This is a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was subject to review under section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

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278. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION REGULATION (GSAR) CASE 2005–G501; FEDERAL AGENCY RETAIL PHARMACY PROGRAM

Legal Authority: 40 USC 121(c)

Abstract: The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to add a new subpart and clause required by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), consistent with congressional intent under section 603 of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 (VHCA) and 38 U.S.C. 8126, that certain Federal agencies (i.e., VA, Department of Defense (DoD), Public Health Service (including the Indian Health Service), and the Coast Guard) have access to Federal pricing for pharmaceuticals purchased for their beneficiaries.

GSA is responsible for the schedules program and rules related to its operation. Under GSA's delegation of authority, the VA procures medical supplies under the VA Federal Supply Schedule program. VA and DoD seek this amendment. This new subpart adds a clause unique to the virtual depot system established by a Federal Agency Retail Pharmacy Program utilizing contracted retail pharmacies as part of a centralized pharmaceutical commodity management program. At this time, only DoD has a program in place, and the rule would facilitate DoD's access to Federal pricing on Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) pharmaceutical contracts for covered drugs purchased by DoD and dispensed to TRICARE beneficiaries through retail pharmacies in the TRICARE network.

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