Supplemental Information:

For Further Information Contact:

Agency Liaison Officer, Office of Presidential & Congressional Agency Liaison Services, General Services Administration.

Background

The World War One Centennial Commission was established by Public Law 112–272 (as amended), as a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

Under this authority, the Committee will plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I, encourage private organizations and State and local governments to organize and participate in activities commemorating the centennial of World War I, facilitate and coordinate activities throughout the United States relating to the centennial of World War I, serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information about events and plans for the centennial of World War I, and develop recommendations for Congress and the President for commemorating the centennial of World War I. Further, the Commission oversees the design and construction of the national World War I Memorial in Washington, DC.

Supplementary Information:

The GAP FAC continues to serve as an advisory body to GSA’s Administrator on how GSA can use its acquisition tools and authorities to target the highest priority Federal acquisition challenges. The GAP FAC Committee continues to provide recommendations that will help advise GSA’s Administrator on emerging acquisition issues, challenges, and opportunities to support its role as America’s buyer.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is for each of the three subcommittees (Policy and Practice, Industry Partnerships, and Acquisition Workforce) to present recommendations to the full Committee. The Committee will, in turn, deliberate
and vote on GAP FAC recommendations to be delivered to the GSA Administrator.

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- Industry Partnerships Subcommittee Recommendations and Discussion
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- Vote on Recommendations
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Meeting Registration
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Public Comments
Written public comments are being accepted via email at gapfac@gsa.gov. To submit a written public comment, please email at gapfac-gsa.gov and include your name, organization name (if applicable).

Special Accommodations
For information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the Designated Federal Officer at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to give GSA as much time as possible to process the request. Closed captioning and live American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services will be available.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice–MVAC 2024–01; Docket No. 2024–0002; Sequence No 16]

Notice of Inquiry Regarding PFAS in Products

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice; request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: As part of its on-going commitment to advancing sustainable acquisition, the General Services Administration (GSA) is exploring opportunities to reduce or eliminate potential per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals with the intent to reduce exposure from products offered to the Government through GSA’s contract solutions. GSA is publishing this notice to request comments to help us understand potential areas for focus, and to identify potential unintended negative impacts. At this time, GSA has not determined whether or not it should work towards a notice of proposed rule-making to address this topic.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat as noted below on or before June 17, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in response to this inquiry to: Regulations.gov: https://www.regulations.gov. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “GSA PFAS Inquiry”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Comment Now” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “GSA PFAS Inquiry” on your attached document.

Instructions: Comments received generally will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check https://www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Ms. Adina Torberntsson, Procurement Analyst, at gsarpolicy@gsa.gov or 720–475–0568. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at GSARegSec@gsa.gov or 202–501–4755. Please cite GSA PFAS Inquiry.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS, are a widely used class of chemicals which break down very slowly over time. Since PFAS chemicals are slow to break down, and have been used in several manufacturing processes, they are ubiquitously found throughout the environment. PFAS has been detected in air, water, soil, and even human blood. Several studies have linked PFAS to health risks and environmental risks.1 To help reduce the risk of further exposure to these chemicals, the Government can work towards reducing PFAS containing products through procurement.

The GSA Acquisition Policy Federal Advisory Committee (GAP FAC) was established to provide recommendations specific to GSA to drive regulatory, policy, and process changes in acquisition. The GAP FAC recommended that GSA should move forward with reducing PFAS through government procurement and that GSA should consider product categories that have already been identified by other state and federal programs, specifically: furniture, carpets, rugs, curtains, cookware, food service ware, food packaging materials, cutlery, dishwasher, paints, cleaning products, stain and water resistant treatments, flooring, and floor care products (“Recommended Categories”).

While much has been learned by connecting with government experts and the GSA GAP FAC, GSA would like to similarly learn from industry partners.

II. Purpose
In 2021, Executive Order 14057 2 outlined an approach to catalyzing clean energy industries and jobs through federal sustainability. The implementing instructions (OMB Memo M–22–06 3) directed federal purchasers to prioritize the procurement of products that do not contain PFAS. This inquiry is an important step towards implementing these instructions by learning more on how to successfully reduce or eliminate potential PFAS exposure through products procured by the Government. GSA has been engaged in a PFAS and product working group to better understand where PFAS is found in the marketplace. GSA invites comment on the issues discussed in this notice to help inform future rulemaking on how to best reduce

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1 See EPA website on PFAS https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained.
3 OMB Memo M–22–06.