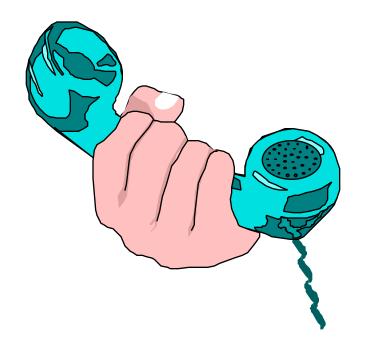
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SECTION 6

GSA Advantage!

AN ON-LINE SHOPPING SERVICE

"The future ain't what It used to be" - Yogi Berra

The General Services Administration (GSA) has accepted the President's challenge and is leading the effort to bring electronic commerce into the present. An electronic ordering system is being developed that will put the world of products and services offered through our various supply programs, at our customers' fingertips. This system **GSA** *Advantage!* - will enable customers to browse, search on product specific information, review delivery options and place orders without having to wade through schedules, catalogs, or call for help. The system is being developed based on information gleaned from commercial systems, and the in-house lessons learned from the Federal Supply Schedule MUFFIN system and from Information Technology Service's (formerly Information Resource Management Service) On-Line Schedules System.

HOW?

First we have gathered electronic item information from our supply catalog. Next we will tackle a limited group of schedules along with our retail catalogs for the next phase of the system's roll out. A limited group of schedules for the first phase of the system's roll out have been targeted. The majority of these schedules have contract effective dates beginning in calendar year 1995. Each current schedule contractor will be required to provide electronic contract/catalog data relating to product descriptions, price, and related terms and conditions. The data must be submitted using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Transaction Set 832 Price Sales Catalog Format. Orders placed through **GSA** *Advantage!* use the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 format for Transaction Set 850: Purchase Orders.

In the very near future, GSA will announce the targeted schedules. At that time, a complete timeline for bringing our remaining schedules on-line will be published. Contracts will be modified as necessary to require the use of X12 standard transaction sets. Vendors who have questions regarding this format, or the system roll out, may leave a voice mail message at (703) 305-7359

Customers and Vendors are invited to browse GSA's progress today!

The only tools needed to access **GSA** *Advantage!* are:

- access to the Internet world wide web
- an Internet browser such as MOSAIC, etc.

Our current Internet address is: http://www.gsa.gov

Soon, GSA will be providing access for non-Internet users.

WHEN?

An ambitious implementation schedule has been undertaken:

- GSA Supply Catalog available for browsing NOW!
- Ordering capability and order status by Summer 95.
- GSA Schedule items and GSA Retail items phased in beginning Summer 95.

If you would like more information about this exciting initiative please contact:

GSA Federal Supply Service Acquisition Operations & Electronic Commerce Center/FCS Washington, DC 20406 or leave a message on (703) 305-7359

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