PART 608 - REQUIRED SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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Subpart 608.4 - Federal Supply Schedules

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608.405 Ordering procedures for Federal Supply Schedules.

608.405-3 Blanket Purchase Agreements.

(a) Establishment.

(3)(ii) The Procurement Executive is the head of the agency for the purposes of FAR 8.405-3(a)(3)(ii).

Subpart 608.8 - Acquisition of Printing and Related Services

608.802 Policy.

(a)(4) In accordance with Section 2(a) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as
amended (22 U.S.C. 2669), overseas printing and binding services may be acquired from sources
other than the Government Printing Office.

(b) The DOS central printing authority is the Director, Global Publishing Solutions under the Deputy
Assistant Secretary for Global Information Services.

Subpart 608.70 - Acquisition of Official Vehicles by Overseas Contracting Activities

608.7001 Definitions.

Official vehicle means a U.S. Government-owned or leased motor vehicle that is fueled by petroleum
or electric batteries, has a minimum of four wheels, and is designed primarily for use on highways,
such as sedans, station wagons, buses, carryalls, and trucks.

608.7002 Acquisitions for the Department of State.

(a) A/LM funds and controls the acquisition of official vehicles required by overseas posts.
Accordingly, any acquisition of official vehicles by overseas contracting activities must be approved
and authorized in advance by A/LM.

(b) GSA is the mandatory source for U.S. manufactured vehicles acquired in the United States.
Purchase requests are submitted by A/LM to GSA on behalf of overseas posts. Overseas posts shall
use U.S. manufactured vehicles unless justified as described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) Overseas posts may acquire non-U.S. manufactured vehicles only in special cases that are
approved in advance. Requests to purchase non-U.S. manufactured vehicles may be justified under
the conditions specified in 6 FAM 228.9-3(B)(c). The request shall be submitted to A/LM for
approval. If approval is granted to acquire non-U.S. manufactured vehicles from the local economy,
overseas posts shall follow the normal procedures in the FAR.

(d) Standardization of motor vehicles shall follow the procedures in 606.370.

608.7003 Acquisitions on behalf of other Federal agencies.

(a) Acquisition of U.S. manufactured vehicles.

(1) GSA is the mandatory source for official vehicles purchased in the United States for all Federal
agencies. Non-DOS agencies must have a waiver from GSA that allows them to acquire official
vehicles from sources in the United States other than GSA, in accordance with the Federal Property

(2) DOS overseas contracting activities shall not obtain GSA waivers or acquire vehicles through
GSA or directly from sources in the United States on behalf of other agencies. Requests to acquire
vehicles in this manner shall be returned to the requesting agency without action, and the agency
instructed to use its own contracting personnel or GSA for this purpose.
(b) **Acquisition from non-U.S. sources.** No GSA waiver is required for official vehicles purchased outside the United States from non-U.S. sources. Normal acquisition procedures shall be followed. However, contracting officers should be aware that statutory ceilings apply to the acquisition of passenger vehicles (*i.e.*, sedans and station wagons) (see P.L. 103-329), so other agencies shall not request that posts acquire vehicles without providing an analysis of how the price compares with this ceiling.