

DGS Asks End-Users for Feedback on IT Consulting Master Services Agreement

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The Department of General Services' Procurement Division is asking state agencies to provide feedback on the state's IT consulting Master Services Agreement (MSA).

An [online survey](#) from DGS asks state employees what changes they would suggest for the contract vehicle and what additional labor classifications, if any, they would like to be added.

"We are specifically interested in any input from department end users and program staff that will assist us in offering new labor classifications," the survey says.

The existing IT Consulting Services MSA is scheduled to expire in March 2018 for a majority of contractors, according to the survey. Some contracts expire a year earlier.

As currently constructed, firms qualified under the MSA list are able to charge prenegotiated hourly rates to state customers for contract staff in any of seven position classifications: Senior Project Manager, Project Manager, Senior Programmer, Programmer, Senior Technical Lead, Technical Lead and Systems Analyst.

Delegated purchasing authority for a single order is capped at three tiers: \$1.5 million, \$5 million and \$10 million. Use of the MSA is not mandatory.

State agencies and departments typically are required to go through a Request for Offer process when procuring services through the MSA.

More than 165 contractors are currently qualified to provide services under the MSA or IT consulting services. It most recently was put out to bid in 2013.