

Cloud Computing for Software as a Service (SaaS)

Introduction The purpose of this letter is to advise California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) contractors of changes to the Department of General Services (DGS) policy for the purchase of Cloud Computing for Software as a Service (SaaS).

New Policy Effective September 8, 2014, Software as a Service (SaaS) may be provided under the CMAS program. Cloud Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) and Cloud Platform as a Service (PaaS) shall not be provided under the CMAS program at this time.

Software as a Service Definition “The capability provided to the consumer is to use applications made available by the provider running on a cloud infrastructure. The applications are accessible from various client devices through a thin client interface such as a web browser (e.g., web-based email). The consumer does not manage or control the underlying cloud infrastructure including network, servers, operating systems, storage, or even individual application capabilities, with the possible exception of limited user-specific application configuration settings.”

Taken from the State Model Cloud Computing Services Special Provisions (Software as a Service) included in the California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) General Provisions – Information Technology dated September 8, 2014. <http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/PD/CMAS/MASTCIT9-8-14.PDF>

Adding SaaS If the base Federal GSA Schedule allows for SaaS, options for adding SaaS to a CMAS contract are:

1. Submit a request to modify an existing CMAS contract for SaaS offerings using the attached form, Cloud Computing for Software as a Service (SaaS) Modification Request.
 2. Submit a new CMAS Contract Application for SaaS offerings. Refer to the CMAS website at the following link to access the CMAS contract application: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/Leveraged/CMAS.aspx>
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Questions If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact the CMAS Unit at (916) 375-4363 or cmas@dgs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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