assigned, an activity address code allows an activity to order supplies under the FEDSTRIP system. Because there is a potential for abuse in the use of these codes, agencies shall establish stringent internal controls to ensure that the codes are used only by authorized personnel. It is imperative that all requests for activity address codes or deletions or address changes flow through a central contact point in the agency headquarters or regions where the need, purpose, and validity of the request can be verified. Agencies should send GSA the addresses of the contact points (mailing address: General Services Administration (FSR), Washington, DC 20406). GSA will only honor requests from the established points within the agency. GSA will periodically send a listing of current activity address codes and addresses to contact points for review.

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§101-26.206 GSA assistance.

Agency field activities should direct their questions regarding FEDSTRIP to the Federal Supply Service at each GSA regional office. The addresses of GSA regional offices are listed in each of the volumes of the GSA Supply Catalog. Agency headquarters activities requiring assistance may contact General Services Administration (FSR), Washington, DC 20406.

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Subpart 101–26.3—Procurement of GSA Stock Items

§101-26.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policy and procedures governing the procurement by agencies of items of supply stocked by GSA, including reporting and obtaining adjustments for overages, shortages, and damages and the issue of used, repaired, and rehabilitated items in serviceable condition.

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§101-26.301 Applicability.

All executive agencies within the United States (including Hawaii and

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Alaska), in order to maximize the use of the Government's centralized supply system, shall requisition GSA stock items in accordance with the following:

(a) When the requirement is for Standard and optional forms, an item produced by the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (FPI), or an item listed in the procurement list published by the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped (NIB-NISH), the dollar thresholds and language indicated in paragraph (b) of this section are not applicable and acquisition of such items continues to be as set forth in the applicable sections of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, Federal Property Management Regulations and other appropriate regulations. In order to identify FPI/NIB-NISH items stocked by GSA, they are marked with an asterisk in the GSA Supply Catalog NSN index,

(b) GSA will process all requisitions for stock items, regardless of total line item value, from activities electing to purchase from GSA. If an agency determines that alternative sources are more favorable, the following guidelines shall apply. However, the price alone of an item without other substantive consideration will not be considered as sufficient justification to use alternative sources. (These guidelines also apply to the procurement of special order program (SOP) established source, see §101-26.102-1.)

(1) When the total value of the line item requirement is less than \$100, procurement from other sources is authorized.

(2) When the total value of the line item requirement is \$100 or more, but less than \$5,000, procurement from other sources is authorized: provided, that a written justification shall be prepared and placed in the purchase file stating that such action is judged to be in the best interest of the Government in terms of the combination of quality, timeliness, and cost that best meets the requirement. Cost comparisons shall include the agency administrative cost to effect a local purchase.

(3) For total line item requirements of \$5,000 and over, agencies shall submit a requisition to GSA unless a waiver has been approved by GSA. Request