

GSA ORDER

Subject: General Services Administration Acquisition Manual; GSAM Part 511,
Describing Agency Needs, GSAM Case 2018-G504, Construction
Metrication Ombudsman

1. **Purpose.** This order transmits a revision to the General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) to update the citation for GSA's Metrics Program and redesignate the official serving as the Construction Metrication Ombudsman.
2. **Background.** GSA's implementing policy for the Savings in Construction Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. § 2051) was updated on February 12, 2018 (see ADM 5450.39D CHGE 9). The law requires the head of each agency that awards construction contracts to designate a senior agency official to serve as a Construction Metrication Ombudsman. The Administrator of General Services delegated this authority to the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy in the Delegations of Authority Manual ADM 5450.39D, CHGE 1, dated June 5, 2017.

ADM 5450.39D CHGE 9 revises the GSA Delegations of Authority Manual to change the delegation of authority for appointing the GSA Construction Metrication Ombudsman from the Office of Government-wide Policy, Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy to the Office of Government-wide Policy, Senior Procurement Executive (SPE).

The SPE redelegated this authority to the Assistant Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, Office of Acquisition Management.

3. **Effective date.** Date of Signature.
4. **Explanation of changes.** This amendment includes non-regulatory changes. For full text changes of the amendment see Appendix A, GSAM Text Line-In/Line-Out.

Appendix A

GSAR Case 2018-G504 “Construction Metrication Ombudsman”

GSAM Text, Line-In/Line-Out

GSAM Baseline: Change 83 effective 02/22/2018

- Additions to baseline are indicated by **[bold text in brackets]**
- Deletions to baseline are indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~
- Five asterisks (* * * * *) indicate that there are no revisions between the preceding and following sections
- Three asterisks (* * *) indicate that there are no revisions between the material shown within a subsection

Part 511— Describing Agency Needs

511.002 Policy.

FAR 11.002(b) and GSA Order ADM 8000.1~~E~~-[D], GSA Metric Program, establish policy for using the metric system in procurements. **[The GSA Construction Metrication Ombudsman, located in the PBS Office of Acquisition Management, can be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/ombudsman>.]**