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GSA ADVANTAGE! WINS THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION AWARD

GSA *Advantage!* was selected as a winner in the "Business Solutions in the Public Interest" Award Program. Government Executive, along with the Council for Excellence in Government and the Office of Federal Procurement Policy joined to recognize GSA *Advantage!* as an example of innovation and creative business strategy. GSA *Advantage!* received this prestigious award as one of the finest acquisition practitioners in the Federal Government.

GSA *Advantage!* is the largest Federal Government Internet based on-line shopping site. This site, which is available at www.gsaAdvantage.GOV, allows government personnel to use the government credit card or their agency accounts to purchase products and services from a database that contains more than one million products from more than 2,700 vendors. Customers can also use their zip codes to sign on and conduct procurement research using the GSA *Advantage!* database of products and services.

Mr. Ed O'Hare, CIO of the Federal Supply Service, accepted this award at a ceremony on September 12, 2000. Upon accepting this award, he said "I am very proud to receive this award on behalf of FSS. This award validates our strategic vision for GSA *Advantage!*. GSA *Advantage!*, which began in 1995, enables FSS to use state-of-the-art technology to provide value and efficiency for government personnel and save the taxpayer's money".

NEWS FLASH

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

GSA's Annual Transportation and Travel Workshop and Carrier Conference will bring you the latest information on the mandatory government-wide prepayment audit program. The conference will be held at GSA's International Products and Services Expo in Orlando, Florida, May 22-24, 2001.

A team of experts from the Transportation Audits Division will explain how to start or enhance your agency's prepayment audit program, answer your questions, and provide points of contact, websites and handouts. To register, visit our website at www.fss.gsa.gov/transtrav.

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Discover the world of on-line shopping with GSA's fast and convenient internet shopping mall! GSA is using the power of the internet to bring our products and services right to your fingertips. Discover how GSA *Advantage!* can ease your purchasing burden and enable you to accomplish your mission in less time. You can find name-brand vendors, research product lines, comparison shop, order products, create electronic purchase orders and obtain order history – all from your desk. Let us introduce you to the new GSA *Advantage!* 6.0, a state-of-the-art webpage that's customized and personalized to both you and your agencies needs!

We'll take you through the internet world of shopping on-line, no matter what your needs or requirement may be. Make sure to attend one of our GSA *Advantage!* Workshops during GSA's International Products and Services Expo 2001 in Orlando, Florida.

For registration information, see our Expo 2001 insert on Pages 6 of this publication.

GSA ADVANTAGE! NEWS

GSA *Advantage!* now has products available from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Surgical Schedules. The VA establishes, solicits, awards, and administers the FSS program for medical care needs using these schedules. Currently, there are more than 30,000 VA products from more than 30 VA schedule vendors. Now that these products are included in the GSA *Advantage!* database, customers can create a shopping cart that includes medical supplies from VA schedule vendors, office supplies from the GSA stock system, and computers or other products from the 2,700 GSA schedule vendors.