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## 8.004 Use of other sources.

If an agency is unable to satisfy requirements for *supplies* and services from the mandatory sources listed in [8.002](#) and [8.003](#), agencies are encouraged to consider satisfying requirements from or through the non-mandatory sources listed in paragraph (a) of this section (not listed in any order of priority) before considering the non-mandatory source listed in paragraph (b) of this section. When satisfying requirements from non-mandatory sources, see [7.105\(b\)](#) and [part 19](#) regarding consideration of small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, *HUBZone* small business, small disadvantaged business (including 8(a) participants), and *women-owned small business concerns*.

(a)

(1) *Supplies*. Federal Supply Schedules, Governmentwide *acquisition* contracts, multi-agency contracts, and any other *procurement* instruments intended for use by multiple agencies, including blanket purchase agreements (BPAs) under Federal Supply Schedule contracts (e.g., Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative (FSSI) agreements accessible at <http://www.gsa.gov/fssi> (see also [5.601](#))).

(2) *Services*. Agencies are encouraged to consider Federal Prison Industries, Inc., as well as the sources listed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section (see [subpart 8.6](#)).

(b) Commercial sources (including educational and non-profit institutions) in the open market.

**Parent topic:** [Part 8 - Required Sources of Supplies and Services](#)