

## GSA ORDER

Subject: General Services Administration Acquisition Manual; GSAR Case 2024-G503,  
Updating Leasing Sustainability References

1. Purpose. This order transmits a revision to the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to update the GSAR to remove reference to the revoked executive order (E.O.) 13514 in Subpart 570.1.
2. Background. The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to remove a reference to the revoked E.O. 13514 and incorporate the word “sustainability.”

Currently the GSAR guidance on sustainable leasing is outdated because it references executive order (E.O.) 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance, which was revoked on March 19, 2015 with the publication of E.O. 13693, Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade.

E.O. 13963 was in turn revoked on May 17, 2018 with the publication of E.O. 13834, Efficient Federal Operations. E.O. 13834 was then revoked by E.O. 14057, Executive Order on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability, issued on December 13, 2021.

Regardless of specific E.O. requirements, leasing has a long history and intent to adopt sustainable practices. To maintain this intent, references to E.O.s will be removed and replaced with the word “sustainability.”

Additionally, the website referenced in the GSAR is no longer active and a new web address is being included.

3. Effective date. September 3, 2024.
4. Explanation of changes. For full text changes of the amendment see Attachment A, GSAR Text Line-In/Line-Out.

This amendment revises the language of the following GSAR subparts summarized below:

Part 570 Acquisition of Leasehold Interests

Subpart 570.1 General

570.117 Sustainable Requirements for Lease Acquisition

- Replaced historic web address with the current one.

570.117-1 Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance

- Removed reference to E.O. 13514 and incorporated the word “sustainability”

- Replaced the term “solicitation from offers” with just “solicitation”

570.117-2 Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings

- Grammatical change from “comply” to “complies”

5. Cancellations. None.

6. Point of contact. For clarification of content, contact Adina Torberntsson, GSA Acquisition Policy Division, at [gsarpolicy@gsa.gov](mailto:gsarpolicy@gsa.gov).

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**GSAR Case 2024-G503**  
**GSAR Text, Line-In/Line-Out**

**GSAM Baseline: Change Order 185 effective 08/02/2024**

- Additions to baseline made by rule are indicated by **[bold text in brackets]**
- Deletions to baseline made by rule 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
- Regulatory GSAR language is indicated by shaded text

**Part 570 - Acquiring Leasehold Interests in Real Property**

**Subpart 570.1 General.**

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**570.117 Sustainable requirements for lease acquisition.**

Contracting officers must include sustainable design requirements appropriate for the type of leasing action in the solicitations ~~for offers~~. Contracting officers can find solicitation requirements and instructions ~~on~~ **[at]** [https://www.gsa.gov/real-estate-services/leasing/leasing-policy](https://www.gsa.gov/leasing/real-estate-services/leasing/leasing-policy) under ~~Leasing Policies and Procedures, Green Leasing, and in the Leasing Desk Guide to assist them in complying with GSA's sustainable requirements identified in this part~~ **[under the "Sustainability Policies" tab and within the applicable Leasing Desk Guide chapter to assist them in complying with GSA's sustainable requirements]**.

**570.117-1 Federal leadership in environmental, energy, and economic performance.**

In order to create a clean energy economy that will increase our Nation's prosperity, promote energy security, protect the interests of taxpayers, and safeguard the health of our environment, GSA will accomplish all **[sustainability]** requirements **[described in 570.117-2]** ~~of E.O. 13514~~ that apply to lease acquisition**[s]**.

**570.117-2 Guiding principles for federal leadership in high performance and sustainable buildings.**

GSA is committed to the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of leased space that comply**[ies]** with all of the following Guiding Principles:

- (a) Employ Integrated Design Principles;
- (b) Optimize Energy Performance;
- (c) Protect and Conserve Water;
- (d) Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality; and
- (e) Reduce the Environmental Impact of Building Materials.

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