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TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs) Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)

RE: Release of the Latest Version of the Alpha Plan – GS \$Mart (Tax Exempt) Terms and Conditions (Version 5.0)

The purpose of this Broadcast Bulletin is to announce the release of the latest version of the Department of General Services, Procurement Division's (DGS/PD) Alpha Plan – GS \$Mart (Tax Exempt) Terms and Conditions (Version 5.0) dated November 1, 2015.

The released terms and conditions prescribe the financing provisions, covenants, and payment schedules for installment purchases to be made for specific assets that are eligible for financing under Section 14934 of the Government Code and have a useful life longer than one year.

The Golden State Financial Marketplace (GS \$Mart) program engages in an iterative process of drafting and finalizing these terms and conditions periodically. GS \$Mart recently went through this process with financial institutions, multiple state counsels, and bond counsel. The released terms and conditions are the final results of this collective effort. We appreciate those who gave us feedback.

Financial institutions seeking to participate in the GS \$Mart program for the financing of state acquisitions are to agree to the latest version of the Alpha Plan – GS \$Mart (Tax Exempt) Terms and Conditions (Version 5.0) dated November 1, 2015. These terms and conditions will be used for all deals through the program. The latest version has been published on our website and can be found <u>here</u>.

GS \$Mart is an established nationally recognized, award-winning financing and acquisitions payment program that serves all California governmental entities. The program provides tax-exempt loans on qualified assets for state departments and local governments. Partnering with qualified financial institutions, GS \$Mart has financed over \$1.2 billion in state loans for the acquisition of goods and services.

For questions regarding this notification or the GS \$Mart program, please contact: