

Career Opportunities

Power Shopping For The Government

(NAPSA)—If you like to shop, you may just have a future with the U.S. government.

GSA stands for the U.S. General Services Administration, which purchases and manages property and supplies for the government, but its initials could just as well stand for Government Shopping Agency.

Each year, GSA oversees purchases of more than \$66 billion for federal agencies and buys more than \$12 billion in travel services. It manages 600,000 vehicles and over 1,000 government-owned or -leased aircraft.

It disposes of \$21 billion of excess federal property. It buys, leases and manages almost 4 billion square feet of federal space and structures valued at more than \$1.5 trillion.

On top of that, the agency formulates policy for federal employee travel, works with private-sector vendors, and provides other services for federal employees and citizens in more than 2,000 communities. All in all, GSA influences the spending of nearly \$500 billion in federal budgets each year—more than a quarter of all federal procurements.

Shopping on this scale requires more than your typical trip to the grocery store. It requires a host of sophisticated contracting techniques and specialized teamwork that GSA has developed and honed over the years.

GSA's staff of nearly 12,000



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employees includes an enormous variety of occupations—accountants, auditors, architects, contract specialists, engineers, IT specialists, procurement analysts, real estate specialists, construction project managers, scientists, technicians, administrative staff and others.

The staff ranges from entry-level trainees working in supervised teams to senior-level executive administrators overseeing multibillion-dollar projects. In fact, the word around GSA is “Whatever your background or training, you can find a job here.” This attitude is reflected in the agency’s recruitment slogan: “You can do that here!”

Most people would agree that when it comes to professional power shopping, GSA is in a class all by itself. You can learn more about GSA occupations at www.gsa.gov/jobs.