

For: FSA Offices

**Continued Suspension of the Relocation Services Program's (RSP's)
Guaranteed Home Sale Option**

Approved by: Associate Administrator for Operations and Management



1 RSP Guaranteed Home Sale Option Suspended

A Background

GSA is responsible for the Relocation Services Master Contractor Schedule for the Executive Branch of the Federal Government that includes FSA. In 2008, the termination by 3 relocation service providers shifted home sale service volume to the remaining scheduled relocation service providers. As a result, the demand for guaranteed buyout (GBO) services among FSA customers significantly exceeded the remaining scheduled relocation service provider's capacity to provide these services from both a financial and service perspective. The last remaining GBO vendor then notified FSA it would no longer be accepting task orders from FSA.

B Purpose

This notice continues the suspension of RSP's guaranteed home sale option.

C Authority for RSP

With no vendor available to provide GBO's, FSA had to suspend the RSP guaranteed home sale option and; therefore, will **only** authorize direct reimbursement on residential sale transactions. Employees are responsible for selling their residences and will be reimbursed up to 10 percent of the customary fees associated with selling their residence according to Federal Travel Regulation, Chapter 302-11, Part 302-11, "Allowances for Expenses Incurred in Connection With Residence Transactions Authority", 5 U.S.C. 5738, and 20 U.S.C. 905(c).

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