Greetings,

The Ohio|Buys Enhancement Sprint #1 is deployed, and these enhancements are now available as of Friday, February 26th.

In addition, please reference updated training materials here.

ENHANCEMENTS

1. **Auto-populate State Contract No. Field**
   When creating a contract, the State Contract Number field now auto-populates with the Ohio|Buys system-assigned contract number; however, the State Contract Number will remain editable until the Contract Signature step of the Contract Workflow.

   The Creating and Managing Contracts Learner Guide has been updated to reflect this change.

2. **Blanket PO Updates**
   Several changes to Blanket POs have been made:
   - Users can now submit a freeform requisition against a contract that has a catalog enabled on the Blanket PO. Note that users will still not be allowed to submit freeform requisition against contracts with a catalog when they are cutting a 'child' PO linked to a Blanket PO.
   - Quoting alerts (e.g., Action Required: This requisition contains over $2,500 in non-contract items. Please complete a quick quote or provide a justification document and Quote ID to submit this requisition.) will no longer fire on Blanket POs. Note that these alerts will still fire when agencies are cutting 'child' POs linked to a Blanket PO.
   - Removing the limitation that previously allowed only two-line items to be listed on a Blanket PO.
   - Removing the ability to allow Suppliers to flip a PO that is a child of a Blanket PO into an invoice. Note: in cases where the Unit of Measure on a Blanket PO line (e.g., Amount) does not match the Unit of Measure on a 'child' PO line (e.g., Each), invoices received may contain a different unit of measure than what's listed on the Blanket PO. In such cases, the agency should pull the Blanket PO line to build the voucher and attach the invoice received as a way to document what was actually being vouchered for.

   The Resolving Alerts Job Aid has been updated to reflect this change.

3. **'Update Prices' Button**
   The Update Prices functionality for a purchase requisition has been updated so the associated contract number is not removed when a user updates a purchase requisition with sourcing award details that include a Supplier who is a dealer for that particular contract. In addition, Ohio|Buys no longer blocks a purchase requisition when the Supplier on a line item and the Supplier on the contract do not match, but the Supplier on the line item is a listed dealer for the contract.

4. **Update to Public Solicitation Page**
   The Public Solicitations Page has been updated to display Solicitation Status. The displayed options on this field are filtered to: Open for Bidding, Under Evaluation, and Closed.

   The Access and Review the Public Solicitations Job Aid and Viewing and Responding to Solicitations Learner Guide have been updated to reflect this change.
5. **Enhancement Request update to the Amendment Reasons table**
   An "Administrative Update" Amendment Reason has been added for contract amendments.

6. **Authorization Updates**
   Several authorization updates have been made so only State Admins or Cooperative Purchasing (Co-op) Member Admins can assign select profiles to users.

7. **RTP create R&P Numbers in OAKS format**
   The Request to Purchase workflow has been updated so the R&P Auto-Assign step of the workflow results in the creation of a Release & Permit (R&P) that is numbered in a format that matches OAKS' requirements.

8. **Update Alert to not Require Supplier Quote ID**
   The blocking alert that is displayed for purchase requisitions that reference a Competitive Selection - Two Phase Quote contract has been updated. The alert will now only require that a justification document or awarded solicitation even exist in the system, and a supplier quote ID on each applicable requisition line item will no longer be required.

   The Resolving Alerts Job Aid has been updated to reflect this change.

9. **Change who notification is sent to after Auditor step**
   Once a solicitation is certified by the Auditor of the State (note that this only occurs for solicitations created by select agencies like the DAS Office of Procurement Services), the Sourcing Responsible will receive an email notification informing of the certification and that the solicitation responses can be unsealed.

   The Creating Managing and Awarding Solicitations Learner Guide and Quick Quotes Learner Guide have been updated to reflect this change.

   Please reach out to your OCM practitioner if you have questions regarding these enhancements.