Modernizing Procurement

Ohio|Buys is the State of Ohio’s online purchasing solution that empowers both government buyers and interested suppliers. Ohio|Buys leverages innovative technologies to increase efficiency, opportunities, and participation with businesses in Ohio.

Introducing Ohio|Buys

Ohio|Buys provides the primary platform for you to do procurement activities with the State of Ohio. Ohio|Buys also provides an online shopping experience for State users purchasing contract and non-contract items provided by supplier partners.

Best Value Focus
Streamlining the State’s procurement process

Empowered Procurement
Focus on research and analysis

Business-Friendly Climate
Optimize doing business with the State of Ohio

Process Improvement
• Increase efficiency through reengineering, modernizing and standardizing practices
• Full electronic workflow
• Simple, intuitive, fast solution

New Technology
• Robust rules engine with baked in compliance for purchasing
• Ohio|Buys provides a guided shopping experience to compare, select and buy from suppliers

Streamlined Solicitations
• Develop, publish and award solicitation opportunities
• Build contracts from solicitations with electronic approvals

Transparency
• Relevant supplier information is securely shared across State Agencies
• Enhanced reporting capabilities benefiting State Agencies and suppliers

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Ohio|Buys is currently available with additional releases planned as outlined below:

**Ohio|Buys current functionality allows users to:**

- Search for commonly purchased items from State contracts in the marketplace catalog environment and place an order for those items using a Pcard.
- Browse the goods and services are available for purchase includes batteries, clothing, footwear, general hardware, gloves, ink and toner cartridges, IT equipment pickup and disposal/delivery services, laboratory supplies, office supplies, soaps and hand sanitizers, writing utensils and eSignature transactions.

**Order-through-Pay functionality includes:**

- Quick quoting, guided buying and the addition of even more catalogs for shopping.
- Automated workflows to route items for approval, as well as dashboard capabilities to track activity.
- Seamless linkages across order-through-pay transactions; increasing compliance while automating exception scenarios by routing to the proper authority.

**Solicitation and Contract Management functionality will allow users to:**

- Create bid opportunities, award and manage contracts and measure spend, all in one place.
- Take advantage of data analytics and reporting to track spend across contracts, categories and suppliers. Reporting can be generated both at the agency and enterprise level.

**Training and Support**

For future releases, training will be scheduled for agencies and suppliers in a variety of formats including classroom training and webinars. This training will be supplemented with job aids and videos for ongoing support. Additionally, the State will provide real-time support through the Help Desk.

- Classroom Training
- Web-based Training
- Job Aids
- Training Videos
- Help Desk Support

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