Greetings,

NOTE: Ohio|Buys will have a planned maintenance outage beginning 6AM EST on Saturday, March 27th through 7PM EST Sunday, March 28th to coincide with the OAKS System Maintenance outage.

Ohio|Buys Enhancement Sprint 3 is deployed, and these enhancements are now available as of Monday, March 22nd.

1. Inquiry Dates
Prior to this enhancement, the inquiry dates were not required fields on the Prepare Solicitation tab; however, if these fields were not populated, Bidders and/or Suppliers will not have the option to compose an inquiry in Ohio|Buys. As part of this enhancement, the team has made these fields mandatory for ITB, RFP, RFQ, and IFPs.

The Solicitations Learner Guide has been updated to reflect this change.

2. Add WBE Flag to Bidder/Supplier Profiles
Ohio|Buys has been updated to add a new EOD status for Women's Business Enterprise (WBE).

The Bidder and Supplier Learner Guide has been updated to reflect this change.

3. Add Automatic Reminder Email
Automatic reminder emails have been added for IT SME review and contract approvals.

4. Add EOD Status Column to RFx Grids
An EOD Status column has been added to the View Solicitation Activity and Analyze and Awards tabs of a solicitation.

The Solicitations Learner Guide and Quick Quote Learner Guide have been updated to reflect these changes.

5. Update INF01 integration to apply EOD certification status correctly
Prior to this enhancement, the supplier integration was sometimes failing to load supplier MBE and EDGE certifications if the file contained more than one type of MBE or EDGE certification for a supplier. The integration has been updated so it loads only one instance of MBE and/or EDGE based on the most current certification date.

6. Default bypass negotiation checkbox
As part of this enhancement, the Bypass Negotiation checkbox is now automatically checked (but remain editable) when a new contract or contract amendment is being created.

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

7. Search product reference (manufacturer part number)
The search capabilities on the Browse Items and Public Catalog pages now include a filter for Product Reference Codes (i.e., Manufacturer Part Numbers/SKU Numbers).

The Requisitions Learner Guide has been updated to reflect this change.

8. Update Send and Solicitation Posted Buttons
The Send and Solicitation Posted buttons have been combined into one Send button on the Prepare Solicitation tab of a solicitation.

The Solicitations Learner Guide and Quick Quote Learner Guide have been updated to reflect these changes.

9. Request to Purchase (RTP) Modification
The Complete Sourcing Event selector on the RTP is being updated so the user that created the RTP can also be selected as the performer for the Complete Sourcing Event step of the workflow.

10. Update Blocking Alert on the PR Header
As part of this enhancement, the blocking alert that fires when price on the line item does not match the price on the catalog will be modified to consider if the price matches one of the tiered pricing breaks identified for the item.

11. Contract Selector
The Contract selector field is being updated to the following format: [State Contract Number] - [Name] on the Browse Catalog Imports page.

12. Modifications to Supplier Portal Landing Page
The layout of supplier-emarketplace.ohio.gov has been reorganized.

The Bidder and Supplier Learner Guide has been updated to reflect this change.

In addition, other recent training material updates include:

1. The Create Supplier Contacts Job Aid has been updated to reference managing contacts at multiple locations.
2. A new job aid has been created that walks through how to use the forwarding functionality across Ohio|Buys (e.g., purchase requisitions, purchase orders, solicitations, etc.).
3. The Reviewing and Managing Contracts Learner Guide has been updated to clarify how Suppliers should first click the Create New Version button before editing/redlining a contract document.
4. The Quick Quote Learner Guide has been updated to emphasize that all the associated purchase requisitions approvers should be added as contributors to the Setup Team tab of the solicitation.

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