



Team Georgia Marketplace: History in the Making

As a supplier, you may have just learned the benefits of Team Georgia Marketplace, but its implementation has been in the works for quite some time. Team Georgia Marketplace is part of an ambitious, ground-breaking plan to run the State like a business, an initiative launched by Governor Perdue in 2005. Officially, the purpose of our **Procurement Transformation Initiative** is to update and improve the practices, capacity, information tracking, and procurement technology for state agencies. Ideally, Team Georgia Marketplace will help us to reach statewide goals by cutting down on time-consuming paperwork, increasing agency collaboration, and producing efficiencies that will save time and money for the State of Georgia.

We are excited about Team Georgia Marketplace—and, we are excited to enter in this endeavor with you, our suppliers, who are important partners in this change initiative. You, too, stand to gain much from the implementation of Team Georgia Marketplace. Benefits are highlighted throughout this newsletter. To keep you informed, we are also providing our top business objectives of Team Georgia Marketplace, as they relate to suppliers. Team Georgia Marketplace will:

- Create the structure to centrally manage state-wide procurement contracts and associated documentation from contract creation through termination
- Provide the electronic sourcing tools and workflow required to streamline the State's procurement processes
- Promote a more open government marketplace by providing the state procurement professionals, state suppliers, and end users an array of online self-service and collaboration tools

For more information about the Procurement Transformation or Team Georgia Marketplace, visit the State Purchasing Website at www.statepurchasing.doas.ga.gov.