



## **Team Georgia Marketplace Summit Meeting**

The eProcurement transformation is gaining momentum. Representatives from 25 agencies met on March 18 for the Team Georgia Marketplace Summit. They came together to learn about Team Georgia Marketplace and its successful roll-out to pilot agencies on January 20, 2009. The agencies included in the pilot phase were the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS), and portions of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC).

During the morning session, agencies were presented with a Team Georgia Marketplace overview and gained information about the roll-out from both the project team members and agency spokespersons from the pilot agencies. Representatives from DOAS, DHR, and GDC presented experiences they had during their roll-out process. Most of the experiences were positive, and agencies yet to transition can benefit from their suggestions.

LaKeisha Porter, business advisor for DHR, had this to say:

“I have had the pleasure to work with the new Team Georgia Marketplace system since before its inception in January, and I have really enjoyed my experience. With every new system there are kinks and glitches that need to be re-worked. However, in most cases, especially at DHR, we had to actually use the system to know what things work for us and what does not. Nevertheless, I am really enjoying the new system.”

The afternoon session involved only the eight agencies responsible for 80 percent of the State spending. Agency leaders were interviewed by project team members to gather information about their current business processes, staffing roles and responsibilities, and technological systems. These agencies are now scheduled to go live during the period between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

The Team Georgia Marketplace project plan has evolved as the team members employ best practices from the pilot plan. Currently, there is a second pilot wave preparing to deploy over the next few months. Another group from GDC and the Department of Audits will go live on April 28 and the Department of Juvenile Justice will go live on July 27.

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