



State Purchasing Releases Cutting Edge Procurement Tool

The Department of Administration Services (DOAS), State Purchasing Division (SPD) and CherryRoad Technologies reached a major milestone this month in the rollout of Team Georgia Marketplace, the e-procurement program expected to revolutionize purchasing for the State of Georgia. On January 20, 2009, more than 300 users from DOAS, the Department of Human Resources (DHR), and the Department of Corrections (GDC) began piloting the e-procurement tool, which is the first step to transform the way in which state agencies handle procurement. The system includes best-in-class processes including innovative catalog capabilities which will make procurement more efficient and effective.

The pilot represents intense collaboration between DOAS and state agencies. Team Georgia Marketplace is an important component of our statewide Procurement Transformation Initiative launched by Governor Perdue in 2005 as part of the Commission for a New Georgia. Since then, DOAS has worked with state agencies to ensure that Team Georgia Marketplace, which is composed of a suite of Oracle's PeopleSoft Enterprise software integrated with an electronic shopping and catalog management solution provided by SciQuest, is tailored to fit state agency needs. Ultimately, Team Georgia Marketplace will ensure better customer-agency collaboration and improve the practices, capacity, information tracking, and technology of procurement for state agencies.

In February, another batch of users from DHR, GDC, and smaller agencies will begin to ramp up for a May deployment. DOAS initiated a phased rollout of Team Georgia Marketplace to ensure that each agency implementing the modules will be well informed, well trained, and well positioned to begin using the software on day one in addition to having the time to adjust their current business processes to align with this world class procurement system.

For more information about Team Georgia Marketplace, its core function, user benefits, project progress and rollout plan, visit the DOAS State Purchasing website at www.statepurchasing.doas.ga.gov , or contact Gina Tiedemann at 404-463-5558 or gtiedema@doas.ga.gov

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