WHAT’S CHANGING IN PROCURE-TO-PAY

August 2017
Session Objectives

During this session, we will discuss:

• Overview of the University’s Preferred Purchasing Methods
• Changes to the check request process
  – Key ePayment changes
  – New vendor set-up functionality in ServiceNow
• Q & A
Overview of Procure-to-Pay

What is Procurement?

Procurement is the act of finding and buying goods or services from an external source.

Every item purchased – from travel, to office supplies, to research equipment – is done through the procurement process.
Preferred Purchasing Methods
When to Use Different Payment Channels

**BuySite**
*Purchase Orders*
- Commonly purchased goods or services
- Catalog and non-catalog purchases
- Blanket and standing orders

**GEMS System**
*Credit Card Expense*
- Travel Expenses
- Low-dollar Business Expenses
- Out-of-pocket expenses for employees ($500 and below)

**ePayment**
*Check Request*
- Payment vehicle for various Non-PO items (reimbursement for visitors, honoraria, etc.)
Preferred Purchasing Methods

Purchase Orders (BuySite)

A Purchase Order (PO) is:

- A commercial document issued to a vendor, indicating types, quantities, and agreed prices
- A contract containing terms and conditions of sale that protect the University
- Used to authorize a supplier to begin work

Purchase Orders benefit the University in several ways:

1. Improved control by requiring budgetary approval prior to incurring financial commitment
2. Reduce the likelihood of payment duplication
3. Protect the University and reduce legal exposure by establishing clear expectations on terms, delivery, and price
4. Improve the University’s cash flow management
5. Provide volume discount to the University
6. Improve visibility to University diversity spend
Preferred Purchasing Methods
General Expense Management System (GEMS) Program

- The GEMS program is the University’s expense management solution that streamlines employee business expenses.
- It is comprised of a web-based application (GEMS system) that works in conjunction with the University’s corporate credit card, the GEMS card.
A check request is used for purchases of certain goods or services which are not practical to be processed by Purchase Order. Check requests can be issued for payment for certain permitted expense types. The most common check requests are:

- Reimbursements to Visitors and Students
- Honoraria and Awards
- Petty Cash Reimbursements
- Select Non-PO Check Requests to Suppliers (e.g., utilities, subscriptions)
- Travel advances
Preferred Purchasing Methods

According to University Policy 1201, a University Purchase Order is the preferred method of acquiring goods and services and should be used whenever possible. Select items do not require a University Purchase Order and can be acquired using a Check Request (ePayment) or a GEMS card.

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Preferred Purchasing Methods

The Buying Guide

The Buying Guide in ServiceNow is an interactive online tool that can help campus identify the proper purchasing channel, preferred vendor(s), as well as relative procurement policies when procuring different goods and services.

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**Buying Guide**

Determine Preferred Purchasing Method (i.e. when to use GEMS, BuySite, or ePayment).

Please use this interactive tool to help you determine the preferred purchasing method and vendor(s) for specific goods or services. If you have any questions about how to complete this form, feel free to contact Shared Services at 773-702-5800.

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

*Which type of goods/services would you like to procure?*

- Food, Beverage and Catering

*Which category of this type of goods/services would you like to procure?*

- Water

*Which subcategory of this type of goods/services would you like to procure?*

- Bottled

**Preferred Purchasing Details**

**Preferred Purchasing Method:**

GEMS Card

**Preferred Vendors:**

Dr Pepper Snapple Group
Check Request Changes

1. **Revised ePayment expense types** - Overtime, certain expense types will be removed from ePayment as they should be done in BuySite instead.

2. **Vendor Set-up** - The Shared Services Office can assist in collecting required vendor set-up documentation (e.g. W-9) on behalf of the local units.
Revised ePayment Expense Types

Support Correct Usage

• The expense types available in ePayment are being revised to align with the University of Chicago’s Preferred Purchasing Methods and provide better control and oversight of transactions that should require a purchase order (PO).

• As a general rule of thumb, vendor requests that result in an invoice should be processed as a PO in BuySite.

• Functionality in ePayment will eventually be turned off for certain expense categories (early 2018).
Revised ePayment Expense Types

Key Changes

1. Certain expense types that should be processed through BuySite will be removed from ePayment for suppliers/vendors and independent contractors:
   - Claims
   - Consulting Fee
   - Marketing and Promotional
   - Medical Fee
   - Other
   - Service
   - Supplies

2. Help text will be added to the ePayment form to provide more direction and clearer definitions for words like “independent contractor” and “honorarium”.

3. Additional information will be collected for vendor “no match”:
   - Vendor email address
   - Vendor phone
   - Vendor type (Domestic entity, international entity, etc.)
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Vendor Set-up

Vendor Documentation Collection

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How to request help…

Shared Services assistance can be requested the following ways:

1. **ServiceNow** - Submitting the ServiceNow Vendor Set-up or Modify request form

2. **ePayment** - By adding the vendor contact information to the ePayment request.
Vendor Set-up

**ServiceNow Demonstration**

Local units are responsible for:

- Identifying a business need for a new vendor
- Confirming new vendor does not exist in BuySite or ePayment
- Submitting the Vendor Set-up form in ServiceNow
Vendor Set-up

ePayment

• If local units are already in possession of the required vendor documentation they should attach it to the check request, as this will speed up the processing time.

• When processing check payment requests in ePayment, refer to the Required Documentation for Check Requests job aid in ServiceNow for assistance in determining what documentation is required.
Next Steps

Timeline

• **Expense type changes:** Shifting certain transactions from ePayment to BuySite will be a gradual process and changes will not go into effect until early 2018.

• **Vendor setup support:** Shared Services vendor setup support will be available via ePayment and ServiceNow starting the end of August.

Transition Support

• The Shared Services Office will partner with local units to help them transition to the correct payment type over time and will create a targeted list of vendors to migrate to BuySite.

• Training, job aids, and email reminders will be provided to staff.
Questions

Please contact sharedservicesinput@uchicago.edu with any concerns or feedback.