OregonBuys

What is OregonBuys?

OregonBuys is a web-based solution provided by Periscope, Inc. that offers complete end to end eProcurement processing. The procurement process is covered from request through payment and includes workflows and approvals, solicitations, bidding, purchase orders, contract management, invoicing (interface with R*STARS), and reporting.
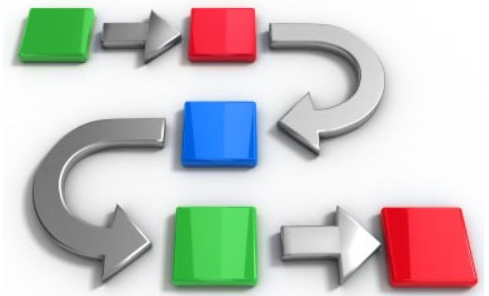
How does it work?

The first step in preparing OregonBuys for agency use is configuration of the Oregon Instance. All agencies signing the inter-agency agreement are part of the collaborative process and are working together to identify and configure the solution in a way that meets the needs of Oregon. The project also includes representatives from DAS-Procurement Services (DAS-PS), DAS-Financial Business Systems, and the Oregon State Chief Information Office. The base configuration is a 'backbone' that agencies will build their own individual configurations from. Once the Oregon Instance is ready individual agencies can work with the Program Administrator and Periscope to begin their own implementation projects. The project to configure the Oregon Instance is following the stage gate process.

What about governance?

The program governance identified in the Charter includes:

- Executive Sponsors Committee: Program resources, program direction, and governance structure
- Oversight and Standards Committee: Oversight and standards for managing use of the OregonBuys software
- OregonBuys Program Administrator: Day-to-day administration of the OregonBuys Program
- OregonBuys Agency Program Coordinators: An individual at each participating agency assigned to provide day-to-day administration and support of the OregonBuys Program within their agency

Within the governance structure there is an expectation of collaboration. The project is supported in the collaborating agencies by allowing employees who are subject matter experts, potential users of the software, and top level agency executives to engage in the instance implementation project. Agencies are also expected to join together in oversight and decision making for this project. Each agency has a voice in the process, rather than just participating in the process.

What about ORPIN?

ORPIN remains the procurement system of record for Oregon. The plan is for OregonBuys to interface with ORPIN. Vendors will continue to use ORPIN. OregonBuys may replace ORPIN as the Enterprise eProcurement Solution in the future.

Agencies have committed to change their business processes to fit OregonBuys rather than modify the software to meet current processes.

* The OregonBuys Program Values can be found in the program charter.

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Why change?

Best Practices. Configuration and implementation will be guided by Periscope following industry best practices.

Benefits. There are multiple benefits of implementing the OregonBuys solution in addition to increased efficiency and better data and reporting.

♦ Replaces outdated, inefficient, error-prone manual processes for soliciting and buying goods and services.
♦ Introduces a streamlined online solution covering all steps of the process.
♦ Provides a comprehensive picture of spending patterns and practices, to allow a continual identification of efficiencies.
♦ Improves training opportunities and cost sharing among agencies.
♦ Provides for accurate, timely reporting to DAS and the Legislature.

How do I get started?

Go to the OregonBuys Implementation Toolkit website to learn about the project history and review the IAA and charter. Then contact the OregonBuys Program Administrator for more information and next steps.

Who is participating?