**Q&A from OregonBuys December Forum**

**Employment Department Auditorium**

**Could a project manager fulfill multiple roles on the core team?**

Yes, the person fulfilling the roles depends on each agency’s business needs.

**There are some confusing terms in the process inventory sample spreadsheet presented today. Can you please resolve the language before posting online?**

Yes - The document will be cleaned up before its posted online.

**Will statewide and agency specific price agreements be uploaded automatically?**

Yes – Periscope will upload statewide and agency specific price agreements into OregonBuys.

**What is the cost for vendors to register in OregonBuys?**

There is no cost to vendors to register in OregonBuys.

**What is Bid sync and why is it advertised on the OregonBuys website?**

BidSync is a subscription service offered by Periscope that provides a national vendor network that other clients use for posting solicitations and receiving responses. BidSync offers both paid and unpaid subscriptions.

**Will agencies get one-on-one time with project staff during the waves?**

It will depend on the agency size and their business process complexities. There will be some agencies that work in a group setting and others that have face-to-face meetings.

**Will OregonBuys have an interface that interacts with FEMA for emergencies?**

OregonBuys will address emergency purchases and emergency procurement. We do not currently have plans for a FEMA interface but we are open to considering it.

**Will agencies have access to an ongoing OregonBuys test environment?**

Yes – agencies will have access to a training, test, and production environment. There will also be an ongoing support team to help. The training environment is not a training repository it’s a place to navigate to during training courses.

**When will core team meetings begin and how will you contact the participants?**

We’re planning to start these meetings in January 2020 and will contact Agency DPOs or the Agency Director to make the arrangements.

**When will you be asking for Subject Matter Expert (SME) sign-ups?**

SMEs will be part of the core teams that we start working with in January.

**How will OregonBuys impact SPOTS card holders?**

SPOTS cards are simply a payment method within OregonBuys.

**Where can I get a copy of the business requirements for the project?**

The business requirements are an attachment to the price agreement that’s posted on ORPIN. Please visit ORPIN and search for the price agreement with Periscope.

**How are grants affected by OregonBuys?**

Agencies who have an interest in grants management are being convened to discuss business requirements and to determine what solution should be used to capture grant information. Contact Chris Patchell [chris.t.patchell@oregon.gov](mailto:chris.t.patchell@oregon.gov) if you want to be included in the discussion.

**When will the new version of OregonBuys release and will there be a black out period in the UAT when this happens?**

We’re working through the details on the new version right now. If your agency is actively using the UAT environment, please notify the OregonBuys project staff so that we put you on a notification list about the blackout period.

**In the last forum ORS 190s and Grants were considered out of scope – can you share an update?**

ORS 190s will be tracked in OregonBuys if we can find a way to do this that doesn’t require each participating agency to sign up as a vendor. The team will continue working with PHI on an alternative way of dealing with this use case. Grants are being determined by the grants subcommittee group.

**Can purchase orders in OregonBuys be done without the encumbrance going into SFMA?**

Currently, the system has a check box to ask if the transaction should be encumbered – however, that may change in the future as there are broader conversations happening on the topic of encumbering.