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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chief Procurement Officers

FROM: Odessa McGlown 

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SUBJECT: NC E-Procurement 2020 Upgrade

NC E-Procurement is pleased to announce some exciting changes in 2020. The existing on-premise Ariba Buyer 9r1 application, which serves as the backbone of the NC E-Procurement system, will be upgraded to the cloud-based SAP Ariba Buying module. The new module has a modernized user interface and an embedded quote request tool. This upgrade will also include changes to the electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) and a new way to access legacy data. The cloud-based SAP Ariba Buying module is expected to go live in May 2020.

The new application, NC eProcurement, will eventually include Contract Management and Sourcing modules. These modules will be initially piloted by the Division of Purchase & Contract and Statewide IT Procurement and will be progressively made available to other state agencies as applicable.

The new NC eProcurement application will empower our state procurement organizations to realize efficiencies in their processes, modernize their buying experience, and add transparency to their work. We invite you to share the news with your team as more details are provided through agency session briefings, *The Source* newsletter, direct email communications, training session announcements and the Procurement Information Portal.

We will continue to hold workshops and design meetings and need your participation for a successful implementation. We may need system users within your agency to assist in the implementation process as well as in closing transactions on the current application. Thank you for your support as we make the transition to the new NC eProcurement.

