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NC eProcurement 2020 Upgrade News - Announcing NCEP Contracts!

A pilot-group of State Agencies now has access to **NC eProcurement Contracts**, a comprehensive tool that allows users to upload and track contracts at both the State and Agency level. The tool not only acts as a repository for all contract-related items, but also includes other benefits such as **electronic approval flows**, **expiration reminders**, and the ability to **run reports**. Existing contracts can also be uploaded to the tool in batches.

The project team is beginning to approach other State Agencies or State Branches to discuss a timeline for implementing the tool.

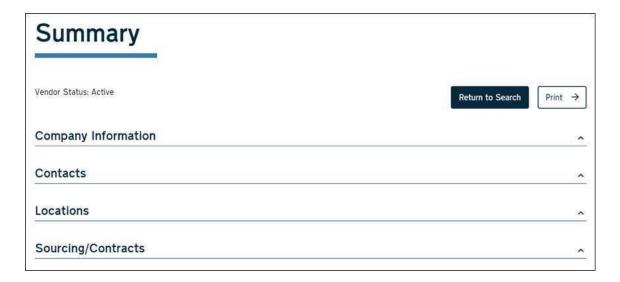
To learn more about the NCEP Contracts tool and how it can benefit your organization, visit the NCEP Contracts Training page. From there, you can view an introductory video that explains the tool and unique learning paths for each of the five user-roles within Contracts, with different lessons relevant to user-role responsibilities. The learning path links provide access to short example videos and step-by-step information in PDF form. Check back often to see more self-learning materials as they are published.

As the upgrade moves forward over the next several months, stay tuned to **The Source** for more information about exciting new features and expected timelines!

Updates to electronic Vendor Portal (eVP)

With NC eProcurement upgrading to the newest version of SAP Ariba in 2020, vendors will have an increased role in Contracts, and eventually Sourcing requests. Each vendor will designate one or more contacts as the **Sourcing and Contracts** user(s) within their electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) profile. That user receives messages and is assigned to respond to tasks as a part of any Sourcing, Contracts, and Quoting events.

To view the Sourcing and Contracts contact for a vendor, find the vendor on <u>Public Vendor Search</u>, click on "View" and open the **Sourcing/Contracts** tab.



Statewide Term Contract Announcements

Statewide Term Contract 880A The Division of Purchase & Contract has established a new Statewide Term Contract 880A – Audio Visual and Photographic Equipment and Accessories. This is a multiple-vendor mandatory contract for state agencies, departments, institutions, universities and community colleges - unless exempted by North Carolina General Statute. Additionally, non-mandatory entities, including schools and local governments, that are allowed by general statute may use this contract. The contract term is February 18, 2020 through February 17, 2023. If you have any questions related to this contract, contact Bahaa Jizi at (919) 807-4520 or bahaa.jizi@doa.nc.gov.

This newsletter was sent to all State Agency users. Questions about information covered in this newsletter? Send an email to ephelpdesk@its.nc.gov.