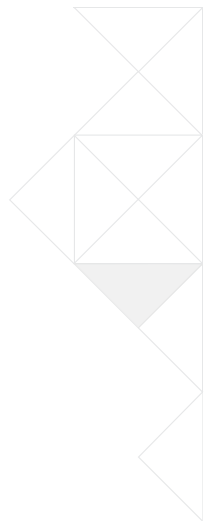


UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q| WE SEEMED TO BE DOING FINE WITH OUR CURRENT PRACTICES FOR PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS. WHY CHANGE?

A| We have an opportunity to buy and manage the supply chain more efficiently and effectively, and we are obligated to be as cost-effective as possible as stewards of precious resources at the university. Consolidating our purchases can drive scale which can improve negotiations for university goods and services. Suppliers see the great advantage of serving customers with scale. In addition, concentrating the management of procurement to procurement professionals allows us to leverage best practices, and it allows non-procurement professionals to concentrate more fully on their primary responsibility.

Q| I CURRENTLY MANAGE THE SUPPLIERS I NEED IN MY ROLE AT THE UNIVERSITY. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

A| If you are not a Procurement professional, it is more than likely your primary role isn't the purchase of products/services for the university, or the management of supplier contracts, though you likely are supporting the needs of your college/department/office in these areas. Procurement will continue to support your organization in the management of suppliers and contract negotiations specific to your operations, with a focus on driving standards and efficiencies whenever feasible. As Procurement begins to transform our processes, we will be working with campus stakeholders to ensure continuity of services and expectations of duties and responsibilities. To discuss this transition further, please contact maggie.witt@unl.edu.

Q| I BUY OFFICE SUPPLIES, RESEARCH SUPPLIES, ETC., FOR MY AREA. SHOULD I STOP?

A:



Q.WILL PEOPLE LOSE THEIR POSITIONS BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE?

A.This organizational change is not about position reduction, it is about optimizing our practices. At this point, we don't have any positions slated for reduction. As time goes on, we will continually evaluate our organization and our work to provide the university with optimum procurement practices and structure. We commit to regular communication with you as we evolve.

Q.WHAT OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO PROCUREMENT CAN WE EXPECT?

A.As we refine our practices and policies, we'll communicate (c)-15.7 (a)-7 (t)-4.6 (e) (c)-15.7 (a)-7 (t)2A1 (s)-3.9 (. A)-2.Ct