

TO: Agency Procurement Officers

FROM: Kelly M. Sanders, Chief Procurement Officer 

SUBJECT: Ohio Marketplace

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As part of our on-going commitment to provide quality service for businesses and state agency clients using the state's eProcurement system, we are assessing new products that offer features above the capabilities we have in use today with the Ohio Marketplace. The Office of Procurement Services is continuing to identify and develop additional options for an upgraded Next Generation Marketplace and eProcurement solution over the next several months. We are confident that a Next Generation Marketplace will be unveiled in the near future.

While we will continue to support all of our state clients through the OAKS system, we plan to discontinue use of the Ohio Marketplace system that is in place today at the end of this month. Based on user feedback and usage analysis, we anticipate this change will have limited impact on your procurement efforts. However, the current **Ohio Marketplace will be turned off and service discontinued effective March 5th.**

The last day to place orders in the Ohio Marketplace will be February 26, 2016. Following the discontinuation of Ohio Marketplace, **users with purchasing authority will still be able to fulfill their procurement requests** by utilizing alternative methods currently in place today, including the creation of requisitions in OAKS and purchasing directly through suppliers with authorized state payment cards.

Links to online ordering systems are available on the procurement website for the purchase of office and classroom related supplies and accessories (MAC018) from Bolinds Solutions Service and GBEX LLC. Please verify that your customer accounts are up-to-date and active by contacting Sharon Taylor at Sharon@bolinds.com and Damarla Whatley at damarla.whatley@gbexllc.com so you can continue to order supplies through their websites.

Key Dates

- Feb. 26, 2016: Last day for state agencies to submit requisitions and payment card orders through the existing Ohio Marketplace system
- March 5, 2016: current Ohio Marketplace site no longer active

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Crawford Wall of the Office of Procurement Services at (614) 728-7018 or via e-mail at Crawford.Wall@das.ohio.gov. If you need any assistance with a contract that was available in the Ohio Marketplace, please contact the analyst assigned to the contract as noted on the procurement website.

Thank you for your support and patience during this transition period. We look forward to working with you to develop and implement the State of Ohio's leading edge Next Generation Marketplace and eProcurement solution.