



Supply Chain Task Group Information Gathering Virtual Meetings

The EFCOG provides forums to address common challenges and to exchange best practices among its member contractors and government personnel. We are now facing new challenges. “The current Department of Energy supplier base lacks the required level of qualified private sector suppliers and the capacity to meet the DoE projected mission growth over the next 5 years and beyond”. Additionally, we need to enhance supply chain risk management as mandated in two Presidential Executive Orders (#13817 dtd December 2017 and #14017 dtd February 2021). In support of DoE’s efforts to address these challenges the EFCOG worked through five subgroups: Proactive Demand Management Concept, Supply Chain Risk Management, Mentor Protégé Agreement Standardization, Engineered Procurement Effectiveness Initiatives, and Procurement Systems across the Enterprise. The first four of these subgroups have researched the issues assigned for 2021 and have developed best practices, and whitepapers to provide guidance and tools to help address or mitigate these challenges.

Now the subgroup on ‘Procurement Systems across the Enterprise’ will gather input regarding changes to our procurement management processes needed to cope with current and developing challenges. The Procurement Systems across the Enterprise subgroup will conduct a series of four, one-hour and fifteen-minute-long virtual meetings for contracting personnel (or personnel representing contracting) on the following topics:

- Topic 1: Within our procurement systems what are the impediments to expanding the vendor pool?
- Topic 2: What changes do we need to make to our procurement systems to handle the increased emphasis on supply chain security?
- Topic 3: What commonality, not in place at this time, in the procurement management systems across the enterprise would you recommend and/or be willing to accept?
- Topic 4: Summary of findings presentation (this will take place after DoE Contracting Officers have had the opportunity to review the findings of the previous meetings).

To keep the number of people participating in the meetings for Topics 1-3 at a manageable level and to ensure all participants are heard, we will conduct two sets of meetings: one for NNSA personnel and one for others in the DoE enterprise. The meeting for topic 4 will be a combined meeting.

The virtual meeting schedule is:

- Topic 1: For DoE enterprise other than NNSA personnel; Tuesday, 20 July at 11AM (EDT)
For NNSA personnel; Wednesday, 21 July at 11AM (EDT)
- Topic 2: For DoE enterprise other than NNSA personnel; Tuesday, 27 July at 11AM (EDT)
For NNSA personnel; Wednesday, 28 July at 11AM (EDT)
- Topic 3: For DoE enterprise other than NNSA personnel; Tuesday, 3 August at 11AM (EDT)
For NNSA personnel; Wednesday, 4 August at 11AM (EDT)
- Topic 4: For all DoE enterprise; Wednesday, 15 September at 11AM (EDT)

Invitations to participate and additional meeting agenda details will be emailed to contracting offices across the enterprise by 1 July.

Questions/comments about the planned virtual meetings should be sent to Steve O’Malley, Procurement Systems across the Enterprise SC Chair, Leidos (omalley@leidos.com)