
Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

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SUBJECT: Electronic Data Access (EDA)

BACKGROUND: The Electronic Data Access (EDA) system is an online repository for contractual instruments and supporting documents, and is the Department of Defense's (DOD) authoritative source for electronic distribution of contract documents and contract data. Prior to the being tech refreshed in June 2019, EDA stood for Electronic Document Access and had been operational for 20 years.

EDA provides secure online access, storage, and retrieval of contracts, contract modifications, and other documentation, now including auxiliary documents associated with but not part of the actual contract. The new Award Reports in EDA have access to data from modules across the PIEE suite, inclusive of contract, invoice, and receiving report data, which enables users to view a complete informational snapshot of a contract from award to closeout. There are currently over 50 reports available in EDA. Additionally, EDA enables contract data to pre-populate in DoD financial feeder systems such as Wide Area Workflow.

EDA also includes some additional documents that were not traditionally stored in this application. Contractor Business Analysis Repository (CBAR) was previously a separate tool that was added to EDA in early FY22. The CBAR application captures the Indirect Costs and Direct Labor Rates, Business Systems, Cost Accounting Standards and Corporate Information about companies that do business with DoD. Additionally, the Commercial Item Determination (CID) database resides within EDA providing contracting professionals with a complete list of commercial products and services. Also, the new Catalog Data Standard (CDS) is searchable in EDA. Once fully deployed, the CDS will allow commercial catalogs to be stored and shared across DoD as data.

POLICY: Defense Pricing & Contracting (DPC) developed guidance in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Procedures, Guidance, and Instruction (PGI) 204.270 designating EDA as DoD's authoritative source for electronic distribution of contract documents and contract data.

DATA STANDARDS: EDA supports a variety of data standards including the Procurement Data Standard (PDS) and the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE: The system architecture for EDA consists of the communication, data translation and conversion, computing, and infrastructure components necessary to support the application. As part of the EDA tech refresh, its infrastructure was reengineered to run more efficiently with updated software and hardware, and its web design is supported a modern user experience.

IMPACT: EDA is an integrated solution that ultimately serves a broad functional user community within the Services and Defense Agencies across Procurement, Finance, and Logistics, including contracting officers, contract & vendor pay personnel, auditors, contract administrators, financial resource managers, and vendors. EDA increases visibility of all procurement and payment actions, enables secure document access controls, provides 24/7 online electronic document search and retrieval, delivers valuable business intelligence, and allows multiple DoD activities to streamline their business processes.

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