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# Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

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**SUBJECT:** Federal Procurement Data System

**BACKGROUND:** The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) is a centralized web-based tool used by the federal government to report and maintain publicly available information about all unclassified contract actions exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, and any modifications to those actions that change previously reported contract action report data, regardless of dollar value. FPDS also collects data for Other Transactions for Prototypes and/or Production. As of June 2019, the FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD DATA COLLECTION (FAADC) capability was deployed within FPDS to support DoD reporting of assistance information regarding grants, payments, loans, insurance, and agreements.

FPDS is managed by the General Services Administration (GSA) as the single authoritative repository for federal procurement award data. On October 17, 2020, the Contract data reporting function of FPDS, was integrated into SAM.gov as part of the first phase of a two-phased process. The second phase will move the remaining data input functionality to SAM, and in tandem decommission legacy FPDS. Until that time, FPDS will remain the authoritative system for data collection.

**POLICY:** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 4.6 and DoDGARS §21.555 establishes requirements for reporting contract and assistance awards to FPDS and FAADC respectively. In accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282) and the subsequent Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act), all Federal award data must be publicly accessible; FPDS and FAADC support the transparency requirement by collecting the Contract and Assistance award data that are then submitted to USASpending.gov. Note – due to OPSEC concerns, DoD funded contract awards are withheld from public access for 90 days after the date the award is reported on the action. There is no 90 days delay for the FAADC assistance award reported actions.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE:** Agencies have two ways of submitting data to FPDS: (1) Manually, where users enter contract action reports directly via the website; (2) Business Services where agencies can set up system-to-system interfaces to send data via XML. SAM provides the capability to run reports and view contract action data from legacy FPDS. Other electronic data options are to subscribe to the Procurement Business Intelligence Service Management Report Server (PBIS MRS).

**DATA STANDARDS:** Data formats and definitions can be found on the Data Dictionaries; help guides and system specifications documents that are available on the FPDS website. Reporting requires a unique Procurement Instrument Identifier (PIID) for Contracts or a Financial Assistance Identification Number (FAIN) for Assistance Awards, a unique entity identifier (UEI) to identify the entity, and the activity address code (AAC) identifying the issuing office, among other data fields.

**IMPACT:** FPDS is a centralized source for Federal data, providing transparency and visibility into government contracting and assistance awarding. It is a means for measuring and assessing the effect on the nation's economy and on its businesses, providing information on the goods and services being purchased by the government, thus showing the effect of policy and management decisions on Federal spending, allowing the government's procurement leadership to make better buying decisions.

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