Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

SUBJECT: Electronic Document Access (EDA) Technical Refresh

EDA is a web-based document repository system that combines 1990s internet and web technologies with electronic document management to minimize paper copies of contract files and provide data for pre-populating DOD financial systems. The system architecture consists of the communication, data translation and conversion, computing, and infrastructure components necessary to support the application. EDA's antiquated and outdated infrastructure needs to be reengineered with updated software and hardware. This will ensure the technology framework for EDA is current, efficient and effective.

POLICY: DPAP developed guidance in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Procedures, Guidance, and Instruction (PGI) 204.270 designating EDA as DoD’s primary tool 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) Accredited Standards Committee X12 850, 860, and 567C transactions.

IT INFRASTRUCTURE: DPAP PDI has been working closely with our partners in the acquisition and finance communities to review the current capabilities that reside within EDA. This will help determine which components of EDA make sense to remain within the EDA architecture and which components would be better hosted elsewhere. The WAWF PMO, which manages the full WAWF suite (including EDA), has provided technical options to support the needed technology updates to the EDA system to insure that it is an effective, efficient, and current system that aligns well with the rest of the WAWF suite of applications.

IMPACT: Responsive web design will provide an optimal viewing experience—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—across a wide range of devices (from mobile phones to desktop computer monitors). The interfaces between EDA and the applications in the WAWF e-Business Suite will be much smoother and faster. Consolidating/updating the EDA Roles will make it consistent with the rest of the applications in the WAWF e-Business Suite. Bringing EDA to current technology will ensure users the best results in searching, loading, viewing and access to their contracts. Once this tech refresh is completed the new EDA process in FY19 will not only be on a new platform but will align with the rest of the WAWF suite.

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