Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

SUBJECT: Product Service Code to Object Class Code Crosswalk and Product Service Code Selection Tool

Contract data quality is essential to analyze, forecast, and manage Department of Defense (DoD) spending. The Product Service Code (PSC) is a critical contract data element, as the PSC represents the goods or services being procured. There are over 3,000 PSCs to choose from, which can make the PSC selection process challenging. To save time and increase PSC-selection consistency across the Department, the Director, Defense Pricing & Contracting (DPC), formerly Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy (DPAP), developed a tool that helps users select the correct PSC for contract line items. The Comptroller and DPC partnered to establish a crosswalk between the PSCs and a Financial Management (FM) data element called the Object Class Code (OCC). Crosswalking PSCs to OCCs enables a link between budget and expenditure data, that improves data integrity between procurement and FM systems and facilitates the matching of obligations and expenditures. This also provides transparency into what contract services are acquired with operations and maintenance budgets.

POLICY: The Federal Procurement Committee for eGovernment (PCE) maintains the list of allowable PSCs. PSC use is defined in FAR 4.1005-1 and PGI 204.7103. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) maintains the list of OCCs, and the DoDFMR Volume 1, Appendix A governs their use in FM systems. The Director of DPC and Deputy Chief Financial Officer have jointly signed out several memoranda notifying users of the OCC to PSC crosswalk. In February, 2015, DPC also published a memorandum identifying the PSC Selection Tool as this crosswalk’s source, as well as a resource that may be used to correctly choose the PSC for an anticipated procurement.

DATA STANDARDS: To improve the alignment between execution and budget data in response to Federal Transparency initiatives and to support DoD cost management initiatives, DPC partnered with DCFO to create the operational crosswalk between the PSCs used by the procurement community and OMB-defined OCCs used in the financial community.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE: To improve the transparency of procurement spending, DPC created a user friendly tool designed to increase PSC-selection consistency across the Department and more accurately associate PSCs to OCCs. This tool was released into production in February, 2015 and is available at http://psctool.us/

IMPACT: The PSC selection tool increases PSC-selection accuracy and enables the ability to consistently crosswalk the codes in FM and Procurement systems that represent the goods and services purchased by the DoD. These tools also give the ability to trace contract expenditures and obligations for supplies and services back to the appropriate budget category (OCC) that funded them.

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