
Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

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SUBJECT: Federal Procurement Data System (Transition to Beta.SAM.gov)

BACKGROUND: The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) is a centralized web-based tool used by the federal government's executive agencies 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. Contracting organizations are required to create contract action reports within 3 days of award. FPDS also collects data for Other Transactions for Prototypes and/or Production. A capability was implemented in June, 2019 to support DoD reporting of grants and other financial assistance awards. FPDS is managed by the General Services Administration as the single authoritative repository for federal procurement award data. FPDS is targeted to be integrated into the Contract Data capability in the new System for Award Management, Beta.SAM. Reporting (standard and ad hoc) capability is scheduled to be transitioned in Q1FY20. FPDS data input capabilities are tentatively scheduled for transition in Q3FY20. After that, legacy FPDS will be retired. Note – due to OPSEC concerns, DoD data is withheld from public access for 90 days after the date of award recorded on the action.

POLICY: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 4.6 establishes requirements for reporting to FPDS. In accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 and the subsequent Digital Accountability and Transparency Act, all Federal award data must be publicly accessible; FPDS supports that transparency by being the authoritative source for contract award data for USASpending.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE: FPDS is a website that is accessible to the public. Agencies may manually enter contract action reports via the website, or can set up system-to-system interfaces to push notices to the site. Interested parties can use the website to run standard or ad hoc reports to view contract action data, or can subscribe to various feeds to get the data electronically.

DATA STANDARDS: FPDS reporting requires a unique Procurement Instrument Identifier (PIID) to identify the action, and a unique entity identifier (UEI) to identify the awardee. It also requires an activity address code (AAC) to be used to identify the issuing contracting office. FPDS has a standard template for the capture of the remaining data on a contract action report.

IMPACT: FPDS is a centralized source for Federal contracting data, providing transparency and visibility into government contracting. It is a means for measuring and assessing the effect of Federal contracting on the nation's economy and on its businesses, provides information on the goods and services being purchased by the government, and shows 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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