

PROCUREMENT GROUP

Building Procurement Bridges Across Teams

Presented by ADOT Procurement

Simplifying the process, strengthening our partnerships.

Today's Journey

- 1. Welcome & Why We're Here
 What Procurement is all about and why it matters to you
- 2. Who We are and What Procurement Really Does

 Breaking Down Myths and Explaining the Process
- **Tips, Tools & Support**Resources to make your life easier (and your purchases faster)
- 4. Common Pitfalls & How to Avoid Them
 A few friendly "don'ts" with some useful "do's"
- 5. Q&A + Feedback





Why We Are Here - and why it matters to you

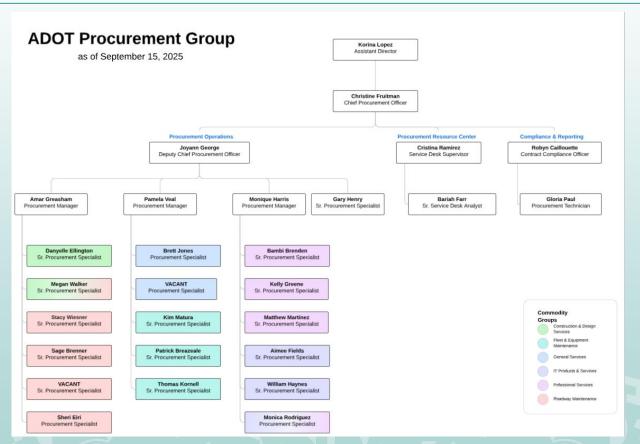
We want to help simplify the process and strengthen our partnerships with you!

Procurement is not just paperwork - It's how we get things done!

- It helps you do your job
 You need tools, services, or equipment to deliver results procurement helps make that happen.
- We're your partner here when you need us
 From planning to paperwork, we're here to guide you every step of the way. You don't have to figure it out alone. We can help you avoid delays and unexpected issues.

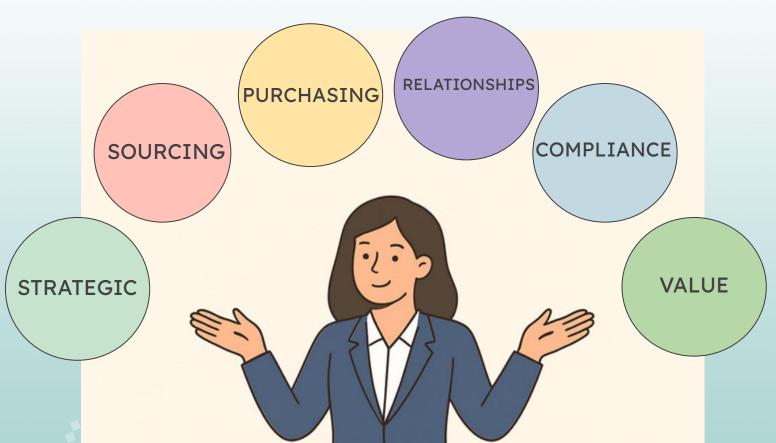


Who We Are





What is Procurement?





What is Public Procurement?



- More than buying things is about getting value, fairness, and results
- Governed by laws, policies, and ethics
- Serves the public interest



What is Public Procurement?

The foundation of public procurement is built on the principles of

- Openness
- Fairness
- Competition
- Economy
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Accountability

These principles guide the statutes and rules included in th



What Procurement Does For You



Procurement works in collaboration with you to ensure ADOT has the goods and services needed to support daily operations.

What we do:

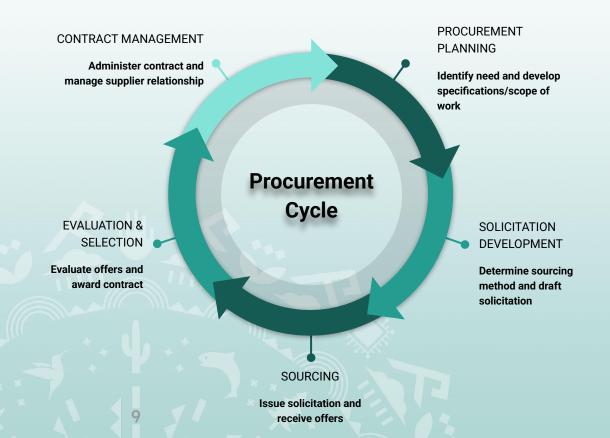
- Help define needs
- Find the right suppliers, contractors and consultants for your project
- Manage the competitive process
- Draft and support contracts
- Keep things running smoothly

The Process at a Glance

Procurement relies on ADOT partners at each phase of the Procurement Cycle.

What is Your Role in the Process?

- Start early and share your goals
- Help write clear requirements
- Be part of evaluations
- Communicate with your Procurement partner
- Stay involved





Delivery of Procurement Projects

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- 1. Project Initiation
- 2. IGA
 - a. Who will administer the Project
 - b. This determines who will generate purchase orders
- 3. DBE Goal
- 4. Submit Project Request Form
 - a. Scope, schedule, budget
 - b. Clearances
- 5. Federal Authorization

Procurement

- Reach out to Procurement
 - a. TIP that identifies funding
 - b. IGA
 - c. Who will administer the Project
 - d. This determines who will generate purchase orders
- Review PRF and begin developing solicitation package
 - a. Scope, schedule, budget
 - b. Terms and conditions
 - c. Solicitation instructions
- 3. Federal Authorization
- 4. Advertise Solicitation

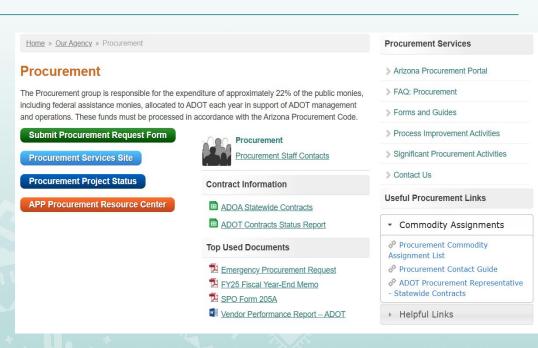
Connecting procurement to project outcomes.



Tips, Tools & Support

The <u>ADOT Procurement Webpage</u> contains the following:

- Access to dashboards and status of projects
- Templates and Tools
- Contract Status Information
- Procurement Commodity Assignments
 & Contact Information



Procurement Request Form (PRF)

Submitting a Request

Home » Our Agency » Procurement

Procurement

The Procurement group is responsible for the expenditure of approximately 22% of the public monies, including federal assistance monies, allocated to ADOT each year in support of ADOT management and operations. These funds must be processed in accordance with the Arizona Procurement Code.

Submit Procurement Request Form

Procurement Request Form

As identified below, all required information must be completed on this form. Attach submittal documentation as required. Incomplete request forms and submittals shall be returned for additional information.

Please refer to the <u>Procurement Request Form Guidelines</u> for descriptions of the fields included in this form as well as other helpful tips.

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Procurement Request Form Guidelines

Any Procurement of goods and services over \$10,000.00, which cannot be purchased through an existing state contract, will require a Procurement Request Form (PRF). This PRF Guidelines provides descriptions of the fields included on the PRF. There are links throughout this document to inform the requester on how to obtain certain information. To submit a PRF go to the <u>Procurement Services Site</u> and click the "Request Services" button.

Reminders before submitting a PRF

It is imperative that the Requester coordinate appropriately with their subject matter experts (SME) and/or end users that will receive the goods/services.Some divisions have a standard list of questions that they ask their SMEs while developing the scope of work and gathering other information for the PRF.

Tips for submitting a PRF

- Not all fields on the PRF are required.
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- The Scope of Work/Specification should be uploaded in word/google doc version.
- Once a PRF is submitted, you cannot edit the form. If any information needs to be edited or added please reach out to the Procurement Manager for that good/service. If you are unsure of who that is, Procurement's general inbox is Procurement@azdot.gov
- See Procurement's website on the ADOTNet for other helpful forms and
 revides.

Some procurements may require the review and approval of Information Technology (ITG), Facilities, Physical Security, and Fleet Management before submitting a PRF. See When to Involve Other Divisions to understand when these groups need to be involved.

The processing times for solicitations vary depending on the sourcing method. Requesters should discuss any upcoming solicitation with Procurement and plan on submitting a PRF several months in advance of when the goods/services are needed.

Section I - Customer Information

Requestor phone number* - Provide a phone number for the person who is submitting the Procurement Request Form.

Project Name/Description* - Provide a name and short description of the project/materials/services for the PRF (i.e. On-call Concrete Repair © Replacement Services, Statewide). A project/work order/tracking number may be included.

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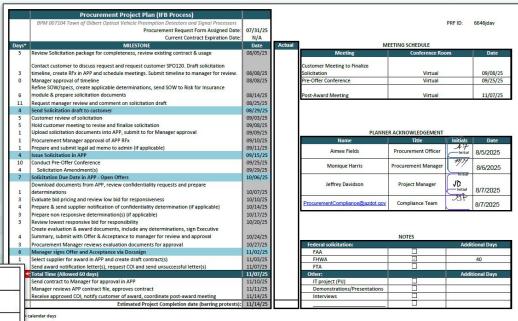
Creating a procurement project plan

Once a PRF is submitted, it is reviewed by a Procurement Manager before being assigned to a Procurement Officer. After the Procurement Officer is assigned, they will reach out to the requestor to discuss the project timeline.

The timeline varies depending on the type of sourcing method.

Standard Procurement Solicitation Processing Times

Sourcing Method	Stated Funded	Federally Funded	Threshold	Key Points
Request for Quote (RFQ)	28 Days	68 Days	\$10,000 to \$100,000	Reserved to small business.
Invitation for Bid (IFB)	60 Days	100 Days	> \$100,000	Awarded to lowest bidder, no negotiations.
Request for Proposal (RFP)	120 Days	160 Days	> \$100,000	Awarded to the most advantageous based on evaluation criteria, conduct negotiations.
Request for Qualifications (RFQu)	140 Days	180 Days	n/a	Qualification based selection, fee proposal negotiations.





Common Pitfalls & How to Avoid Them

- Starting Too Late Rushed timelines lead to poor outcomes or delays
 - Avoid it: Involve Procurement early as soon as you know you need something. The sooner we know about your needs, the more we can help - from strategy to timelines.
- Vague or Incomplete Scope Unclear specifications lead to confusion, delay, and bad fit
 - Avoid it: Work with Procurement to clearly define needs and deliverables. Tell us what you're trying to achieve, not just what you want to buy - we can help you get the best fit.





Common Pitfalls & How to Avoid Them

- Skipping the Process Bypassing the process (even for small stuff) can cause issues
 - Avoid it: Follow procurement steps every time we'll help make it easier. Even small buys have thresholds and rules.
 Sticking to the process helps us protect everyone.
- Assuming Procurement is a Barrier Thinking "they'll just say no."
 - Avoid it: We're here to make your project succeed ask early, ask often. Don't worry about not knowing the rules or the process. We're here to explain and support.



Think of us as a partner, not a Gatekeeper. We're not here to slow you down - we're here to help you succeed.



