

# Notification from DHS Chief Procurement Officer Soraya Correa on Virtualizing the Procurement Process

## Description

DHS Contractor Community,

As I have discussed with many of you, I am committed to keeping industry apprised of how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is responding to the current environment. A few weeks ago, I reminded our workforce of the importance of continuing vendor and procurement team engagement best practices in the procurement process. This is especially important as we evolve our ongoing acquisition support to include the nation's COVID-19 response. We must continue our important work to innovate the way we procure so DHS will timely receive the goods and services critical to its mission. Rapidly virtualizing areas of the procurement process ensures that we continue our innovation journey as we simultaneously support both normal operations and the COVID-19 response.

In this light, I provided guidance and examples on how teams across DHS have already virtualized industry days, oral presentations and technical consensus evaluations. Using technology platforms to virtualize aspects of the procurement process may be new to many procurement teams across DHS. I wanted to ensure that DHS acquisition professionals understood that their leadership supports a continued focus on creative, innovative techniques and methods to effectively and efficiently meet mission needs, including as we support our nation during this time.

I wanted you to hear firsthand from me that you should expect to see a continued focus on procurement innovation across DHS. I appreciate your continued support and flexibility as we all adapt to new platforms and engagement approaches. We will work together to virtualize our engagement platforms enabling collaboration and information sharing throughout the procurement process.

Sincerely,

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