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STRIPES Answers Program Office Questions

Happy Holidays! Most of you will be reading this after the new calendar year and let us be among the first to say, "Welcome back." In recent months, the STRIPES team has provided briefings to several of the affected Program Offices here at Headquarters and across the field. While the briefings are intended to answer most questions, there were several questions that were often repeated. The most commonly asked questions asked at these meetings are provided below along with our answer.



Question #1: Which Program Offices will need to access STRIPES?

STRIPES: All Program Offices that fill out Purchase Request Authorizations (PRs) that are sent to a procurement office are expected to use STRIPES. These Program Offices (or initiating offices) will have access in the system to draft, review, approve, and route PRs both within the office and to the procuring office.

Question #2: Will each initiating office be able to determine who will perform the data entry to generate a Purchase Request?

STRIPES: Yes. Some initiating offices may want to designate an administrative person to perform data entry to prepare purchase requests. However, in addition to a person who enters the data, program managers and budget officials will need access to STRIPES to review and approve PRs and related documents in STRIPES.

Question #3: Is there a capability to modify a PR after issuance from the initiating office? Can this occur before or after the budget approval?

STRIPES: Yes, to both. The PR can be modified prior to final approval when using the "review" function within STRIPES. After approval of the initial PR but before award, a PR Amendment must be used to modify the original PR.

Question #4: Will STRIPES possess reporting capabilities that track milestone completion dates throughout the procurement process?

STRIPES: Milestone plans in STRIPES will track the completion dates of all steps associated with the procurement. Reports can be generated based upon late and upcoming milestones. Also, notifications can be created to inform interested parties when a step is completed or when a projected completion date has not been met.

We Want to Hear From You!

Please continue to submit your questions to STRIPES@hq.doe.gov. We'll get back to you with an answer as soon as we can while those with broad applicability will have the response posted on the I-MANAGE STRIPES web-site and may be included in an upcoming Communiqué.



Policy Corner: Policy Team Tackles Section L & M Provisions

Before the Holiday hiatus, the DOE Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy (Policy) completed the Section L & M provisions. The Policy office sent those provisions to the Acquisition Policy Liaison Division (APLD), also known as Business Clearance, for further review. Sections L & M primarily contain proposal instructions and evaluation factors that will be applied to potential offerers. Many provisions are used at the discretion of the Contracting Officer, while others are more commonly applied across DOE. Questions specifically related to clauses, terms, conditions, and provisions should be sent to sandra.cover@hq.doe.gov.

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