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Micro-purchase Threshold

An introduction

An open source procurement process using a purchase card.

Our vision

The **Micro-purchase Threshold** will allow agile project teams to **obtain professional services** from traditional and new-to-the-government vendors, completely in the open, **through a process that leverages the $10,000 micro-purchase threshold** and FAR Part 13 in a **scalable and sustainable way**. This will save the government time and money while making these types of procurements that much easier.

What is the MPT?

1. An overview

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What is the problem?

In any IT-related procurement, **there will be tasks that arise** during execution of the project **that could not have been predicted** at the start of a project.

What is the MPT?

What does this solve?

As a result, **there will always be user stories** that will be **out of scope** of a supporting procurement **or beyond the capacity** of the project team.

What is the MPT?

What are we doing now?

Issuing a new procurement
This is a process that can often take months, time our projects simply don't have.

Internal staffing requests
Finding internal staff will be dependent on availability, not necessarily capability..

Modifying contracts
Each CO/KO will handle this differently, resulting in no consistency or scalability..

Working around the problem
Some teams simply drop features that they'd otherwise want or need.

What is the MPT?

All good ideas...

- The 18F Micro-purchase Marketplace was successful in theory, but not a practical solution due to the micro-purchase threshold in place at the time.
- cloud.gov built on those ideas with their own version.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) developed their own platform as well.

What is the CoE MPP?

...build on those before them.

Through the development of a process based on the MPT, **we've built on all of these efforts**, using the lessons learned from our experiences with agency and industry partners.

How does the MPT work?

2. The prototype

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How does the MPT work?

5 simple steps, from new idea to archived file.

1

Identifying a user story

2

Advertising the request

3

Issuing an award

4

Approving deliverables

5

Closing out the buy

How does the MPT work?

What are the components?

Standard formatting
A standard response format will make the process easy for vendors, while mandating SAM.gov registration.

Public GitHub repos
For each project using the MPT, a public repo will keep their needs and community feedback organized.

Internal management
A centralized project board will be used to organize and manage buys on all MPT public repos.

Emphasis on transparency
By doing everything in the open, continuous improvement and protest risk mitigation is built in.

How does the MPT work?

A scalable solution

Dive deeper into the MPT

3. Learn more

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Where can you learn more?

You can always contact us to learn more. We also have the following **public resources available**:

- MPT Template repo
- MPT Process repo
- CoE acquisition repo
- CoE website
- CoE Twitter

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Thank you.

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