



The new SC Vendor Registration Portal, SCPRO, is on the way.

SC vendor information must be accurate when we migrate to the new SCPro system.

Please notify your vendors that they will need to log into the SCEIS Vendor Registration Portal to verify the following information by **May 15, 2026**.

Checklist of items vendors need to verify:

- Primary Company Contact
- Primary E-mail Address
- Mailing Address
(Verify House or Street Number, Street Name or PO Box, City, Country, State and Postal Code)
- Telephone number. (Office and/ or primary contact)

★ During the transition to the new Vendor Registration system, only one mailing address will be migrated.

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The Directors Corner



Announcement

Congratulations to Crawford Milling!

With the expanding responsibilities of the Division, Crawford Milling has agreed to accept new duties as the Director of Special Audits and Audit Projects.

This new role will take advantage of his extensive ability for analyzing risk and developing risk mitigation strategies. In this role, Crawford will lead the Division's efforts to analyze, pursue, adopt, and implement AI/IT technologies that support and enhance the various roles that we perform.

Crawford will also play a key role in Division strategic planning to include review and recommendations for improvements to procurement related laws, regulation, and policies as well as Division processes and procedures. Additionally, he will also aid Procurement Managers with risk analysis and mitigation strategies on large complex procurements.

Crawford's new duties begin May 1, 2026.

→ A new Director of Audit and Certification will be named soon.

Until that time, John White will be responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the Audit and Certification office.

Thank you Crawford for taking on these critical duties.

ALERT: Fuel Surcharges

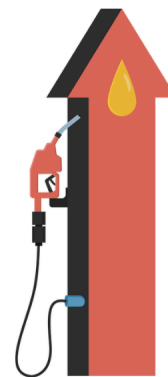
It has come to our attention that some contractors may be adding fuel surcharges to their invoices on some of our contracts.

Fuel surcharges are rarely approved for any contract, and when they are, they must be approved by our office.

If you are seeing fuel surcharges on your invoices push back on the Contractor and ask them who approved the addition of a fuel surcharge.

If our office approves a fuel surcharge, we will update the appropriate contract sheet with that information and put a notice in this newsletter.

To be clear, we have not approved any fuel surcharges on any statewide term contract as of 04/24/26.



The Monthly Statewide Term Contract

Town Hall

The next Town Hall will be **May 18, 2026, at 11:00am.**

YOU can help set the agenda by sending any questions ahead of time to one of the email addresses below:



Supplies & Services and General Questions:
Michael Speakmon. mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov

IT Questions:
Randy Barr at rbarr@mmo.sc.gov

NOTE: This meeting is intended for procurement professionals. While we appreciate our partners in the supplier community, this meeting is not intended for them.

➔ Supplier partners are welcome to join us on Town Halls that are noted as such.



Our Training courses are designed to build on your skill sets.

➔ Book now before they are full.

DPS Spring Training 2026

Not to be confused with Major League Baseball's spring training, but the courses our procurement training team have developed for this spring are sure to be a **HOMERUN!**

We will be offering the following classes in the spring of 2026.

- Registration is open for all classes, and will close one week before the event.
- All information will be kept current in **SCOPES**.

Explore DPS Courses

Hot off the Press!

If you do not have the latest edition of the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, you are in luck.

A new shipment has arrived, and is ready for purchase!

\$23 each plus \$10 shipping (max qty. 5)

Visit the [Division of Procurement Services](#) site to place your order today.



State Term Contracts Updates- April 2026



April 2026 STC Updates



Just for FUN!

Many of us will proudly be celebrating our graduates of all ages next month.



This is a time of celebration, and acknowledgement of their hard work.

We would love to recognize YOUR GRADUATE in the May issue of DisPatcheS.



Email me
Trbradshaw@mmo.sc.gov.

Best!
Tara

The Division of State Procurement is in the process of reviving some of our communications.

As you many noticed, we have made a few changes to DisPatcheS that we hope will improve your overall experience.

Please feel free to reach out Trbradshaw@mmo.sc.gov if you have any comments, concerns, or recommendations.

Thank You!

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State Term Contract Updates- April 2026

E-Rate Update & Effect on Contracts – We have been made aware of a ruling by the State's E-Rate coordinator called the Queen of Peace Law. This law requires that all solicitations including the option for E-Rate funding include language allowing for Brand Name or Equal in the solicitation. We are in the process of terminating any contracts associated with ERATE that are not up for re-solicitation this year and will be resoliciting them with the appropriate language so that it will be ERATE eligible for next year. The contracts on our website have been updated to notify our users with the information that the current contracts are not eligible until we put a new one in place with the appropriate language. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Barr, Sr. at rbarr@mmo.sc.gov.

Tasers (X-2/-26)

After much internal discussion we have determined that we will add the Axon X-26 Taser to the IT contract for the X-7. Randy Barr, Sr. (rbarr@mmo.sc.gov) will be working with Axon to get that addition made.

Remanufactured Dell and HP Toner Cartridges – The awards for remanufactured toner cartridges have been reinstated following completion of the appeal process. Information regarding those awards can be accessed [here](#). **E-Rate Update & Effect on Contracts** – We have been made aware of a ruling by the State's E-Rate coordinator called the Queen of Peace Law. This law requires that all solicitations including the option for E-Rate funding include language allowing for Brand Name or Equal in the solicitation. We are in the process of terminating any contracts associated with ERATE that are not up for re-solicitation this year and will be resoliciting them with the appropriate language so that it will be ERATE eligible for next year. The contracts on our website have been updated to notify our users with the information that the current contracts are not eligible until we put a new one in place with the appropriate language. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Barr, Sr. at rbarr@mmo.sc.gov.

IT Professional Services (ITPS) – We appreciate the continued feedback that has been provided from our stakeholders on this new procurement. We are finalizing the draft document and plan to publish it this month. We know many have been waiting for this one, and we are certainly excited to get it published as we work out the last details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stacy Adams at sadams@mmo.sc.gov

IT Security Assessments and Incident Response Services (updated from Incident Response and Penetration) Testing – We're working to establish a new state term contract for Incident Response and Penetration Testing. The anticipated publish date will be May 2026. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yolanda Cohen at ycohen@mmo.sc.gov. If you're a potential user of IT Security Assessments and Incident Response Services contracts, we'd love to hear from you to ensure the new state term contract will effectively meet your needs.

Market Research and Agency Input Requests for NEW State Term Contracts (STC):

 The Office of State Procurement (OSP) is seeking input on the following recommendations for new State

Semi-Automatic Weapons & Ammunition – Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) is beginning her research into the next iteration of this contract. The law enforcement entities have a lot of

Term Contracts (STC).

If you have any information you can share, please contact the appropriate procurement manager.

Our goal is to put contracts in place that will meet your needs, but we need your input to ensure success.



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Network Hardware and Firewall (Barracuda) (Expires 10/24/2026)

– We anticipate publishing this solicitation in mid-May with an anticipated award date of July. If you are currently utilizing this contract, we invite you to share your experiences and highlight what aspects have been successful. For those who have not used the contract due to unmet needs, we welcome your feedback on how we can enhance the new solicitation to better suit your requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lillanea Bouknight, at lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov.

Check Point Products and Services - (Expires 9/13/2026) – We are working to re-solicit Check Point Products and Services contract. We anticipate publishing the solicitation in June of 2026. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yolanda Cohen at ycohen@mmo.sc.gov. If you're a potential user of Check Point Products and Services, we would love to hear from you to ensure the new state term contract will effectively meet your needs.

say in what is included in this contract but there may be other entities that have some requirements we need to know about so please be sure to reach out to Portia with any information you may have.

Industrial Gases - Cylinder Exchanges – Ginger Hardee (gghardee@mmo.sc.gov) is beginning her research for this one. This contract is pretty static in the types of gases that are on it today, but if there is something you need that is not already represented, now is the time to let us know. We would love to add it and make sure you have all the gases you need.

Ruckus Networks (Expires 09/01/2026) – Keva Jones (kjones@mmo.sc.gov) is currently drafting this solicitation. Any information you have concerning the contract would be very helpful. Any concerns? Successes? We want to know.

Juniper Networks (Expires 05/31/2027) – Keva Jones (kjones@mmo.sc.gov) is resoliciting this scope of work ahead of schedule to align with Erate funding eligibility requirements. The anticipated date to publish has been pushed to July 2026 to align with USAC's application period.

HPE Networks (Expires 06/30/2027) Keva Jones (kjones@mmo.sc.gov) is resoliciting this scope of work ahead of schedule to align with Erate funding eligibility requirements. The anticipated date to publish has been pushed to July 2026 to align with USAC's application period.

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Cisco Servers, Security, Network Hardware & Software - Products & Services (Expires 10/19/2026) – We anticipate publishing this solicitation in mid-May with an anticipated award date of July. If you are currently utilizing this contract, we invite you to share your experiences and highlight what aspects have been successful. For those who have not used the contract due to unmet needs, we welcome your feedback on how we can enhance the new solicitation to better suit your requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lillanea Bouknight, at lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov.

STC's that will NOT be Renewed Newly Awarded STC's



State Term Contracts that will NOT be renewed or resolicited:

Citrix Netscaler (Expires 07/13/2026) – Citrix Netscaler will be sunset as the updated SKUs are available through the Citrix Products & Services contract. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lillanea Bouknight, at lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov.



Newly Awarded State Term Contracts (STC):

Appliances & Kitchen Equipment (5400029211) – Marie Jackson (omjackson@mmo.sc.gov) received a protest on Lot 1 Appliances and suspended that lot. Lot 2 (Smallwares) did not receive a protest so that contract is effective and active. The old appliances contract was extended for 60 days to permit the protest process to play itself out. The following current STCs will not be resolicited:

School Buses, Type C & D (5400029150) – Michael Speakmon (mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov) posted the awards for these contracts on April 1, 2026. No protest was received, and the contracts became effective on April 11, 2026. Details are available on our website.

Airport Vegetation Management (5400029216) – Ginger Hardee (gghardee@mmo.sc.gov) posted the Intent to Award on April 16, 2026. Barring a protest the contract will be effective April 28, 2026.

Google Services (5400028154) – The Intent to Award was published on April 14, 2026. The contract effective dates are April 24, 2026 – April 23, 2031. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clifton Sanders, at [cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:cdsanders@mmo.sc.gov).

Current Published Solicitations:

Large Tractors & Mowers (5400029454) – Ginger Hardee (gghardee@mmo.sc.gov) published this solicitation on March 27, 2026, and conducted the pre-bid meeting on April 8, 2026. She is preparing an amendment to respond to questions received.

HDPE Pipe (5400029501) – Marie Jackson (omjackson@mmo.sc.gov) published Amendment #2 on April 17, 2026, with a new bid opening date of May 4, 2026.

Concrete Culvert Pipes (5400029570) – Michael Speakmon published this solicitation on March 30, 2026, and conducted the pre-bid on April 13, 2026. No questions were received so the bid opening will be on May 18, 2026.

Used Oil Filter Collection & Recycle (5400029664) – Marie Jackson (omjackson@mmo.sc.gov) published this solicitation on April 8, 2026.

Online Reverse Auction Service (5400029390) – This solicitation opened on April 6, 2026, and is currently under evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clifton Sanders at cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov.

Cohesity – Cohesity was published April 13, with an open date of May 13, 2026 and an anticipated award date of May 19, 2026. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Keva Jones (kjones@mmo.sc.gov).

Microsoft Support Services (New STC) – The Microsoft offers are under evaluation, with an anticipated award date is June 12, 2026. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Keva Jones (kjones@mmo.sc.gov).

Managed Cloud Services (5400028075) – This solicitation opened on September 25th and is still under evaluation. We have an

She conducted the pre-bid on April 20, 2026, and is preparing an amendment to respond to questions received.

Boats (5400029647) – Michael Speakmon (mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov) published this solicitation on April 6, 2026. He conducted the pre-bid meeting on April 20, 2026, and is preparing an amendment to respond to questions received.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (5400028822) – Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) published this solicitation on April 22, 2026. The pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026, and the bid opening is scheduled for June 5, 2026.

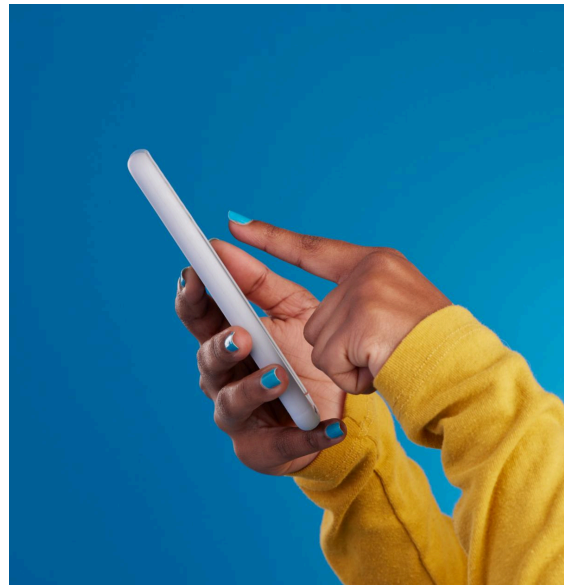
Trellix Security Products & Services (Formerly FireEye – Expires 06/21/2026) – Trellix was published on March 12, 2026, with an anticipated award date of May 1, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yolanda Cohen at ycohen@mmo.sc.gov.

CrowdStrike (5400028144) – Bid opening was February 6, 2026, and offers are still under evaluation. Award is anticipated in early May 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lillanea Bouknight lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov.

Online Reverse Auction Service (5400029390) – This solicitation opened on April 6, 2026, and is currently under evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clifton Sanders at [cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:cdsanders@mmo.sc.gov).

anticipated award date of April/May 2026. [If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Barr, Sr. at rbarr@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:rbarr@mmo.sc.gov)

Biometric Timekeeping (5400029046) – This solicitation opened on March 4th and is still under evaluation. We have an anticipated award date of May 6, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Barr, Sr. at rbarr@mmo.sc.gov. **rellix Security Products & Services (Formerly FireEye – Expires 06/21/2026)** – Trellix was published on March 12, 2026, with an anticipated award date of May 1, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yolanda Cohen at ycohen@mmo.sc.gov.



Cooperative Contracts Updates:



NASPO Electronic Monitoring – The lead state of Nevada released this solicitation on January 15, 2026. The RFP number is 99SWC-S3474. The scope includes comprehensive electronic monitoring solutions and related services for individuals under supervision. The deadline for vendor proposals was February 26, 2026. Offers are currently under review with an intent to award date of June 1, 2026. An intent to participate has been posted on SCBO. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keva Jones at kjones@mmo.sc.gov.

Business Consulting Services – On April 16, 2026, NASPO, via the Lead State of New York, published an RFP for Business Consulting Services and we have advertised this portfolio opportunity.

The intent is to award multiple contracts providing services in the following potential areas:

Management & Operational Consulting

- Strategic Planning
- Change Management
- Business Process Management
- Risk Management
- Finance and Budget
- Economic Development
- Public Relations & Communications
- Project Management

Human Resources & Workforce Development Consulting

- Human Resources Strategy & Compliance
- Talent Management
- Professional Development & Training
- Workforce Planning & Organizational Development
- Compensation, Benefits, Wellness

Public Safety

- Threat Assessment
- Emergency Preparedness
- Crisis Management
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections & Rehabilitation

Legal & Compliance

- Federal, State & Local Law Compliance
- Rulemaking

Environmental Sustainability

- Energy Use
- Environmental Policy, Regulations & Compliance
- Natural Resource Management
- Waste Management & Reduction
- Utility Regulations

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SCOPES



Specifications and Scopes of Work

Specifications and scopes of work are vital to any solicitation because they will form the basis of the eventual contract. This course defines the procurement officer's role in developing and writing specifications and scopes of work and tips and tricks for ensuring success.

Date: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Division of Procurement Services Training Room 1333 Main Street Ste. 700, Columbia, SC 29201

Dates: Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday May 6

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: online

Instructors: Ellicia Howard and Nakendra Perry

Cost: \$100



Procurement Ethics

This course is designed to be a comprehensive overview of how Ethics apply to the procurement function.

Date: Tuesday, April 14

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Division of Procurement Services Training Room 1333 Main Street Ste. 700, Columbia, SC 29201

Instructor: Kristi Sligh

Cost: \$100

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Competitive sealed bidding, also known as invitation for bids, is the preferred acquisition method per the South Carolina Procurement Code. This course is designed to



help participants gain a better understanding of the IFB process from development through award.

Date: Tuesday, April 21

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Division of Procurement Services Training Room 1333 Main Street Ste. 700, Columbia, SC 29201

Instructor: Michael Speakmon

Cost: \$100

Contract Administration

This 2-day course provides guidelines for a standardized approach to establish and administer a contract administration program for South Carolina governmental entities. While this course was developed for state agency Procurement Officers, the course materials can be applied by anyone in governmental procurement.

Note: Participants must attend both days of training as they are scheduled to receive credit for the course.

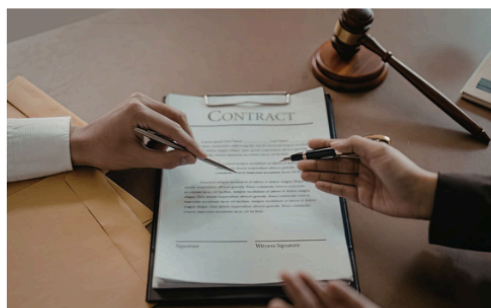
Date: Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Division of Procurement Services Training Room 1333 Main Street Ste. 700, Columbia, SC 29201

Instructor: Sheila Willis

Cost: \$200



Intro to Procurement Code

This Full-day course focuses on demystifying the code and identifying the requirements most Procurement Officers need to know. Attendance will serve as a foundation for other courses offered and will benefit Procurement Officers and other agency officials who authorize, process, or review procurements. While this course is designed for state agencies, any public procurement official would benefit from hearing information necessary to properly document procurement files.

Date: Wednesday, May 6

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Division of Procurement Services Training
Room 1333 Main Street Ste. 700, Columbia, SC 29201

Instructor: Michael Speakmon

Cost: \$100



Acquisition Planning and Market Research

Acquisition Planning & Market Research are vital steps in the procurement process that are all too often overlooked. These steps in the acquisition cycle help agencies ensure they adopt strategies appropriate to the market for the specific supplies or services they are purchasing.

This course is designed to give a comprehensive overview of the acquisition planning and market research process as required by the SC Procurement Code and Regulations.

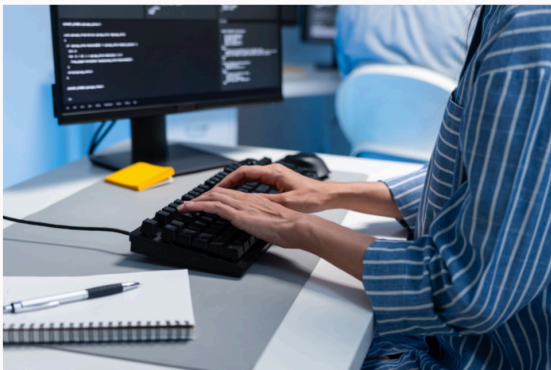
Date: Friday, May 8

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Online

Instructors: Portia Davis

Cost: \$75



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