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SCPro Updates:

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The Monthly Statewide Term Contract Town Hall

The next Town Hall will be **October 14, 2026 at 11:00am.**



You don't want to miss this townhall. We will be discussing very important information regarding the launch of SCPro.

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

The Directors Corner

Welcome Elizabeth McWhorter to the Supplies & Services (S&S) Team

We are happy to announce Elizabeth “Liz” McWhorter has joined the STC S&S team. Elizabeth has been with DPS working on one of the agency teams for a little over a year and decided she wanted to learn more about the Statewide Term Contracts section. She has jumped in with both feet and is already making a difference.

Help us welcome Liz to the team!

Updated Contacts for S&S STCs

As part of onboarding Liz, we had to reassign contracts. Liz mostly received what Ginger was working on previously, but there were some other adjustments.

Make sure you check the contract sheets before reaching out to the team as there may have been a change to who is responsible for that contract. We want to make sure you phone the right friend for assistance. [Liz Mcwhorter](#) 😊

★ NEW STC ★ Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

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Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) improve the health and well-being of employees, which can also improve the individual's personal and professional growth. By having the EAP, employers can increase productivity, boost employee retention and reduce employee absenteeism.

The EAP has been awarded to McLaughlin Young Employee Services, known as MYgroup. The EAP is an optional Statewide Contract and has been established to provide employees, dependents, and household members with beneficial services. Participants can receive six sessions per separate issue for assessment and short-term counseling per 12-month period.

Critical incident responses to include crisis management, furlough, reduction in force, on-site trauma counseling, on-site grief/loss counseling are unlimited to participants in three-hour increments **In-person and virtual**.

The rates are determined by the number of employees at each participating UGU billed monthly, and the rates will not increase over the next 5 years. Example if your agency has 4,500 employees your rate would be \$1.02 per employee per month for a total of \$4,590 per month.

Examples of Services Offered:

Adoption Resources	EAP Orientation	Manager/Supervisor Training
Alcohol and Substances Abuse	Elder Care Issues (Referrals and General Information)	Nutritional Coaching
Anger Management Counseling	Estate Planning	On-site Trauma Counseling
Anxiety	Financial Counseling	On-site Grief/Loss Counseling
Assist Employees returning to work following an extended intensive treatment	Furlough/Reduction in Force	Return to Work
Caregiving	Grief/Loss Counseling	Secondary Trauma and PTSD
Child Care and Parenting Issues (referrals & general Information)	Grievance Consultations	Separation and Divorce
Consultation Services to Employees	Health & Wellness Educations	Stress Management
Counseling and Advisement Services	Individual, Couple and Family Service	Suicide Prevention Education

Counseling Referrals	Identity Theft Counseling	Tobacco Cessation
Critical Incident Response	Illness Prevention	Wellness Programs
Crisis Management	Job Accommodation/Disability Assessment	Workplace Conflict Resolution
Depression	Job Performance/Behavior	Workplace Interventions
Discrimination/Harassment Consultation	Legal Assistance	Work Environment Enhancement
Domestic Abuse	Mental Health Disorders	Work/Life Support

Boats Contracts Update

We anticipate that the CPOs decision for these contracts will be issued before this newsletter is issued. If that is the case, the contracts should be corrected before the scheduled October Town Hall.



These contracts are NOT available for use at this time. Contractors have been told NOT to accept any PO's.

- Chesapeake Marine, LLC - 4400040147
- Clark Boat Company - 4400040148

These contracts ARE available for use:

- Cove2Coast Marine – 4400040161
- Pioneer Boats – 4400040160
- Prodigy Boats – 4400040162

We will update you at the October Townhall.



DPS Fall Training UPDATE 2026

FAIL into the amazing courses that we have planned.

✓ Check out the schedule now to reserve your spot.

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Fall Courses

DPS Finance Notice

All agencies and entities have been invoiced for services rendered through the Division of Procurement Services for the period of July - August. This includes trainings and procurement code books.

Please note that if payment is not received within 45 days of the invoice date, SCOPES access will be suspended until payment is received.

If you have not received an invoice for any of these services, please contact us at dps-receivables@mmo.sc.gov.



State Term Contracts Updates- September 2026

September 2026 STC Updates

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Please Reach out to our communications manager Tara Bradshaw. Tbradshaw@mmo.sc.gov

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The Division of Procurement Services will be offering the following classes in the fall of 2026. Registration is open for all classes and will close one week before the event. All information will be kept current in SCOPES.

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: Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Online

Instructors: Ellicia Howard

Cost: \$100



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.

Dates: Wednesday, October 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



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, October 9

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Online

Instructors: Portia Davis

Cost: \$75



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****IMPORTANT** Fire Fighter Foam** – This contract is coming up on potential renewal, but sales data indicates that the contract has had very little use and may not warrant resolicitation. If it is important to you that this contract remain and be resolicited, contact Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) with your input. Lacking sufficient justification, we will not resolicit for these products.

Compactors and Roll-Off Containers – Porta Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) is continuing her market research for this contract. This is the first time we've resolicited for this new STC so user input will be very valuable to her efforts. Please reach out to let her know what is working well and what could be better. Have a new item you would like to see added? Let her know ASAP.



Semi-Automatic Weapons & Ammunition – Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) is finalizing her research into the next iteration of this contract. Portia is emailing agencies and suppliers to review the market basket to make sure the weapons, ammo, and suppressers are listed that are being utilized today. If you need a copy of the listed items and have not heard from Portia, please reach out. If there are additional items that you anticipate needing in the future, let her know that as well.

Hitachi Vantara Storage Area Network (SAN) Products and Services (Expires 09/22/2027) – We are currently working to re-solicit Hitachi SAN Product and Services. We anticipate publishing the solicitation in March of 2027 and the anticipated award date is May 13, 2027. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yolanda Cohen at ycohen@mmo.sc.gov. If you're a potential user of Hitachi Products and Services, we would love to hear from you to ensure the new state term contract will effectively meet your needs.

Lighting – Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) is beginning her market research for the next iteration of these contracts. Input from your facility managers would be very valuable in her research to ensure the contract has everything they need on it.

Vehicles and Cab & Chassis – Michael Speakmon (mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov) manages these contracts. It is our intention to continue processing these contracts as a cost-plus fixed price bid which permits great flexibility for the fleet managers. Michael will still be interested in any input from you or your fleet managers.

Citrix Products & Services (Expires 04/07/2027) - We are working to re-solicit the Citrix Products and Services contract. We anticipate publishing the solicitation in October 2026 with an anticipated award date of January 2027. If there are changes that could be made to the existing scope of work so the new contract would better meet your needs, please provide your feedback to Clifton Sanders at [cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:cdsanders@mmo.sc.gov).

Legal Research Subscription Services (Westlaw Publishing) - Expires 4/5/2027 - We are working to renew the Legal Research Subscription Services contract. If there are any changes or improvements that could be made to the existing contract so the new contract would better meet your needs, please provide feedback to Clifton Sanders at cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov.

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Newly Awarded STC's



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Appliances & Kitchen Equipment (5400029211) – We are still waiting for the Procurement Review panel to schedule a hearing for this. We will continue to extend the current contract

until we have a resolution.

Uniforms (5400029869) - Marie Jackson (omjackson@mmo.sc.gov) is still waiting for the CPO to address the protests related to this solicitation.

Furniture (5400029741) – Michael Speakmon (mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov) published the initial awards on September 18, 2026. Elizabeth “Liz” McWhorter (emcwhorter@mmo.sc.gov) has taken responsibility for this solicitation and she will be the point of contact moving forward. As a reminder, these contracts are not effective until the end of the year. Users should continue utilizing the existing furniture contracts until that time.

Education Consulting 5400029723 was awarded, and the effective date began on 8/31/26. A new Qualified List of Providers was uploaded on the statewide website. Any supplier who did not submit their bid will have an opportunity to submit an offer on or before January 25, 2027, for evaluation and to be considered on this new STC. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to Marie Jackson at omjackson@mmo.sc.gov.

Diplomas 5400029858 was awarded with an effective date of 9/1 to Balfour & Company. This is a new STC that we hope will benefit our school districts and higher education partners. Be sure to go check it out and provide your feedback to Marie Jackson at omjackson@mmo.sc.gov

Temporary Medical Services – Portia Davis just published additional awards on this fixed price bid. Go take a look at the new supplier options available under this contract once the protest period has passed on October 3rd.

Audio Visual (5400028661) – Lillanea Bouknight (lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov) published the second round of Intent to Awards on September 11, 2026. The contract was effective September 22, 2026.

Cisco (5400029495) – Lillanea Bouknight (lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov) published the Intent to Award on September 21, 2026. The contract is effective October 01, 2026. The contract start date is October 20, 2026.

Online Reverse Auction Service (5400029390) – The Intent to Award was published June 2, 2026, and is currently suspended, pending administrative review by the Chief Procurement Officer. The previous contract has been extended until June 13, 2027, or until this office has awarded a new contract based on the results of the administrative review. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clifton Sanders at [cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:cdsanders@mmo.sc.gov).

Managed Cloud Services (5400028075) – The Intent to Award (ITA) posted on May 18th and the contract commenced on May 29, 2026. The awardee SMX is in the transition period, and the contract will be able to be utilized starting October 1, 2026 for all Shared Services Agencies. However, if you are not a Shared Service Agency, the contract [4400040058](#) is available for use now. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Barr, Sr. at rbarr@mmo.sc.gov.

STC's that will NOT be Renewed



State Term Contracts that will NOT be renewed or resolicited:

No Update

Current Published Solicitations:

Truck Bodies (5400030060) – Michael Speakmon (mspeakmon@mmo.sc.gov) is evaluating offers received and we do not anticipate a change to the award publishing date of October 12, 2026.

Uniform Rental (5400029934) – Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) is evaluating offers received.

Supplemental Benefits (5400028531) – Portia Davis (pdavis@mmo.sc.gov) is evaluating offers received. The Intent to Award is scheduled to publish on November 2nd.

E-rate Category Two (5400029916) – The E-rate Category Two solicitation opened 09/18/26. Offers are currently under evaluation. The Intent to Award is scheduled to be published

IT Professional Services (ITPS) – The solicitation was published on May 13, 2026. The Amendment addressing questions will be published by the time this newsletter hits the street. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stacy Adams at sadams@mmo.sc.gov or Clif Sanders at cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov.

IT Security Assessments and Incident Response Services (updated from Incident Response and Penetration) Testing – This solicitation was published on May 20, 2026. The State is currently reviewing the numerous questions received and preparing a formal amendment. The anticipated award date is TBD. If you should have questions or concerns, please contact ycohen@mmo.sc.gov.

10/9/26. Please contact kjones@mmo.sc.gov with any questions.

Network Hardware and Firewall (Barracuda) (Expires 10/24/2026) – Lillanea Bouknight, at lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov published Amendment 2 to this solicitation **5400029557** on 09/16/2026. Bid opening is scheduled for October 06, 2026, with an anticipated award in mid-October. If you have any questions, please contact Lillanea Bouknight lbouknight@mmo.sc.gov.

Check Point Products and Services - (Expires 9/13/2026)
– Check Point Solicitation 5400021588 has been extended to March 13, 2027, or until a new contract is in place, whichever happens first. The new solicitation 5400030046 will be published in August of 2026. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yolanda Cohen at ycohen@mmo.sc.gov.

Cooperative Contracts Updates:



NASPO Software Solutions – We are currently negotiating a Participating Addendum under this contract with Mythics for **Oracle Professional Services**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clifton Sanders at [cgsanders@mmo.sc.gov](mailto:cdsanders@mmo.sc.gov).

NASPO Software Solutions – Keva Jones is in negotiations with awarded suppliers to execute South Carolina's participating addendums for **Salesforce's Tableau and Commvault products and services**. Contact Keva Jones at kjones@mmo.sc.gov with any questions.

Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Services – Yolanda Cohen is currently negotiating a South Carolina Participating Addendum with **Getac, Inc.** for its awarded products & services scope under Band 1 - Personal Computer Devices - Windows Operating Systems. If you have any questions, please contact ycohen@mmo.sc.gov

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