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The Internet, and its ubiquitous subset, the World Wide Web (WWW), are quickly becoming essential resources for the Federal procurement community. Current and up to date procurement reference materials are readily accessible and can be easily and quickly searched. Solicitation documents are being posted and distributed via Internet email and orders are being placed with contractors in the same manner. Commerce Business Daily notices can be quickly and inexpensively posted. These are only a few examples of how the internet is having a very positive impact on the procurement process.

In an effort to take advantage of the internet, the Department's Program Manager for Electronic Commerce, has established an Acquisition Home Page on the WWW intended as a focal point for the DOJ procurement community. This site includes procurement resources and reference materials, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Utilization, Business Opportunities (postings of solicitiations), links to DOJ component acquisition sites, and government-wide and department-wide contracts, to name a few. Currently, orders are being placed through the internet under the DOJ Assist program for ADP maintenance. I encourage you to look at this site, use it and participate in it. This site is intended to meet your needs and will evolve accordingly. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

It is imperative, therefore, that we in the procurement community develop and maintain the ability to utilize these valuable resources. I strongly encourage you to obtain access for your procurement organizations sufficient to take advantage of all that is available in this arena.

The DOJ Acquisition Home Page may be found by looking at the topics listing on the DOJ Home Page at http://www.usdoj.gov. If you have any questions about the internet and its use for procurement matters please contact H.B. Myers at 616-3758 or email at myersh@fustice.usdoj.gov.