

IAE Bulletin No. 1

What is IAE?

And how may I participate?

Welcome to IAE's Bulletins

This is the first of several bulletins IAE will publish to share information about the project.

This bulletin was created for agency officials who have or are considering sending representatives to participate in the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) Initiative. Here we address questions about this eGovernment Initiative.

What is IAE's mission?

IAE is one of 24 eGovernment initiatives in the President's Management Agenda.

Acquisition has common functions that can be consolidated through a shared services environment. Sharing these processes and their accompanying data will enable all agencies to make more informed procurement, logistical, payment and performance assessment decisions.

The IAE vision is an environment that facilitates access and eliminates redundant systems and data collection, while maximizing use of e-market approaches.

What are IAE's objectives?

IAE has five objectives or **sub-initiatives**. They are:

1. **Standard eTransactions.** Develop a standard glossary and vocabulary to facilitate the exchange of data between and within agencies.
2. **eCatalogs.** Implement a directory of GWAC and MAC contracts to simplify selection and facilitate leverage of Government buying.
3. **Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation—(FPDS-NG).** Implement a central point for consolidated collection and access of statistical and management information related to government acquisitions.

4. **Business Partner Network (BPN).** Deploy a single point of registration and validation of supplier data accessed by all agencies.
5. **Intra-governmental Transactions (IGT).** Transform intra-governmental ordering and billing to enable universal electronic processes, reduce payment and collection problems, and enable swift and accurate revenue and expense elimination processes for preparing consolidated financial statements.

Why is agency participation important?

Developing an integrated acquisition environment that supports the needs of all Federal agencies requires the diverse perspective attainable only through broad agency support and participation.

What does my agency get in return for my participation?

The work accomplished in developing this integrated acquisition environment will include significant procedural, policy, and technological changes. Your participation ensures that your agency's best interests will be considered. Your participation also provides your agency with a head start in their coordination and alignment of internal efforts with IAE.

Does anyone take note of agency participation?

OMB's budget examiner reviews each agency's 300Bs, and weekly agency participation levels are included in reports to OMB.

How are agencies contributing to the process?

Agency contributions vary. Some agencies are dedicating FTEs to the project. Others are dedicating funds. Some are contributing a combination of staff, products, in kind and funds. This information is included in each agency's 300Bs.

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What's IAE's schedule?

Description of Milestone	Start	End
IAE PMO		
Portal Implementation	10/1/02	9/30/03
BPN		
Full BPN operational capability (includes development of integrated web site, XML interfaces, integration with other databases, and validation with third parties as appropriate)	7/1/02	9/30/03
Online Representations and Certifications module	7/2/02	2/28/03
FPDS-NG		
Develop and Test FPDS-NG	12/2/02	8/28/03
Migrate prior year FPDS data	6/23/03	9/30/03
Implement FPDS-NG	8/28/03	09/30/03
eCatalogs		
GWAC Directory available for full data entry	7/16/02	12/31/02
Fully populated GWAC database	12/31/02	6/30/03
Implement eCatalog capability	3/15/02	6/30/04
Standard eTransactions		
Define Current and To-Be data for acquisition processes	3/12/02	9/30/03
Deploy standard interfaces in COTS and other agency systems	10/1/03	9/30/04
Intra-governmental Transactions		
Agencies register in BPN	9/3/02	01/31/03
Include interagency sources in the BPN and GWAC directory	2/3/03	6/30/03
Develop intra-governmental transaction exchange	10/1/01	9/30/03
IAE Planned Progression		
Development support for existing systems	10/1/03	9/30/04
Operations & Maintenance – FY 03-07	4/1/03	9/28/07

What's involved?

We are on the ground floor of the eGovernment improvements. Planning is essential for long-term benefit. Technical solutions for these processes have never been defined. Policy changes will be made to FAR. We're planning, developing and implementing robust solutions that will be applicable to all government agencies.

How can I be kept informed of your progress?

Information about each project, such as meeting notes or work in progress, is posted in Quick Place, a collaborative web service. If you do not have access to this location, call Thomas Peters at 703-872-8597 to be set up in this environment.

How may I participate?

To become an IAE member, please contact Teresa Sorrenti at 703-872-8610.

The information in this flyer also can be found at AcqNet.gov by clicking on E Gov Initiatives.