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...purchasing made easy

The UMass BuyWays Roadmap

Exciting News!
A new eProcurement system is coming soon! The Board of Trustees mandated that the President's Office find and implement a user-friendly system to accommodate all purchases. A bid was submitted, and numerous vendors and systems were intensely reviewed by a project team, consisting of members from each campus. The system and vendor that was selected was Sciquest, the #1 vendor in the industry, used by educational institutions all over the world to accommodate their purchasing needs.

Will I continue to enter requisitions in the current eProcurement Finance System?
No. The Sciquest eProcurement system (branded UMass BuyWays) will replace the current eProcurement module in the Peoplesoft Finance 9.1 system.

What is UMass BuyWays?
The UMass BuyWays system is a one-stop shopping center for eProcurement users. This center will provide you with an easy route to all of your purchasing needs.

What are the benefits of UMass BuyWays?
- Provides an Amazon-like shopping experience for the purchase of goods and services.
- Provides easy access to preferred vendor catalogs.
- Powerful search functionality will allow you to search for items in a specific vendor catalog or perform ‘Google’ type searches across all catalogs.
- Provides real-time status information on requisitions and purchase orders.
- Improves processing times through electronic processing of purchase orders.
- Leverages spending across all campuses to obtain lower average costs.

When will the UMass BuyWays open up for business?
The current goal is to start with a Pilot Group to access UMass BuyWays in April 2013. The roll-out of the new system to the entire campus will be at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 2013).

Will I need training?
UMass BuyWays will provide an intuitive Amazon-like experience to ShopperS. Some training will be necessary for other roles (such as Requisitioners) in order to take full advantage of the many features available.

A full evaluation of training requirements is being developed. Training may include:
- Classroom training
- Web-based training videos
- Quick Reference Guides/Job Aids

Sneak Peek: The UMass BuyWays Experience