Frictionless Acquisition Resources

Program Management

Resources to use program and project management competencies.

- Statute: Program Management Improvement Accountability Act
- Policy: M-18-19 Improving the Management of Federal Programs and Projects through Implementing the Program Management Improvement Accountability Act (PMIAA)

Acquisition Innovation

Advocates and Coaches

Agency designated leading practitioners and coaches to help the workforce navigate through policies & resources and drive adoption of modern, friction-reducing business strategies:


Labs

Safe spaces with leadership support to test and share flexible business practices:

- DHS Procurement Innovation Lab: https://www.dhs.gov/pil
- IRS Procurement Innovation Branch: https://www.irs.gov/about-irs/procurement

Operational business infrastructures with educational resources:

- USDA Procurement Innovation Effort: https://www.dm.usda.gov/oppm/pod/ProcurementInnovationEffort.htm

Incubators to acquire digital services with agile business techniques:

- VA Technology Acquisition Center: https://www.va.gov/opal/tac/index.asp
- US Digital Service: https://techfarhub.cio.gov/about/
- GSA 18F: https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/technology-transformation-services/18f

Knowledge Management Portals

Collect and share innovative acquisition and technology practices to facilitate frictionless acquisitions:

- Periodic Table of Acquisition Innovations: https://www.fai.gov/periodic-table/

Access to job aids, community discussion board collaboration, and events calendar:
• Acquisition Innovation Hub: https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/#/gateway/acquisition-innovation

Digital Services Job Aids

“How-to” playbook and agency applied examples:

• TechFAR Handbook: https://techfarhub.cio.gov/handbook/
• Case Studies: https://techfarhub.cio.gov/learning-center/case-studies/

Training

Learning assets:

• Acquisition Innovation Course Finder: https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov/app/#/dv/acquisition-innovation-course-finder
• Digital Services Training: https://techfarhub.cio.gov/learning-center/training/

Program Accelerators

Partnership opportunities:

• Challenge and prize competitions: https://www.challenge.gov/
• National Technical Information Service: https://www.ntis.gov/ourwork.html
• The Opportunity Project: https://opportunity.census.gov/

Funding opportunities:

• Technology Modernization Fund: https://tmf.cio.gov/
• GSA 10x: https://10x.gsa.gov/

Alternative Buying Authorities

Illustrative list of special authorities and flexible business practices. To view agency examples of these and other techniques, visit the Periodic Table of Acquisition Innovations:

• Challenge and Prize Competitions (America COMPETES Reauthorization Act)
• National Technical Information Service’s Joint Venture Partnership (Pub. L. 102-245)
• Small Business Innovation Research (15 U.S.C. §638)
• Broad Agency Announcement (Federal Acquisition Regulation 35.106)