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OFFICE OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM No. FY18-24
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To: PVAMU Faculty and Staff

From: Corey S. Bradford
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Re: PANTHER-BUY (AGGIE-BUY) REPLACES FAMIS/CANOPY PURCHASING MODULE

Procurement and Disbursement Services is in process of implementing a new and exciting eProcurement system called PantherBuy. PantherBuy provides consistency in processing of purchase requests and payment of invoices, and replaces the FAMIS/CANOPY Purchasing modules (and formerly the BAM e-Procurement system). It also provides quick and easy identification of and access to purchase from established university and TAMUS contracts. Following is additional information regarding the new system.

What is Panther-Buy?
Panther-Buy (powered by Aggie-Buy) is a user-friendly web-based e-Commerce system developed by Texas A&M University, in partnership with SciQuest/JAGGAER, which positions themselves as "simply the world's most comprehensive indirect & direct Source-to-Pay solutions suite". Customers may browse and shop from numerous online catalogs or place orders to suppliers through a "non-catalog/non-contract" requisitioning process. Invoices and payment requests are initiated and created within Panther-Buy, which is fully integrated with FAMIS.

What are some of the benefits of Panther-Buy?
- Provides a one-stop shopping experience with virtually all suppliers; no need to remember multiple web sites or set up individual accounts and profiles with individual suppliers.
- Similar to other online shopping sites, products may be searched by keyword, part number, category, or "favorites" lists.
- Real cost savings – PVAMU's contracts and "best value" sources are readily accessible.
- Quicker turnaround since there is no delegated dollar limits on orders placed with contracted suppliers.

- Requisitions are automatically budget-checked and routed through a departments' specified approval workflows.
- Provides greater spend visibility, reporting, and analysis.

When will training be conducted?
Training is being conducted during the weeks of November 20th, November 27th, and December 4th. Dates and locations of upcoming trainings are outlined below.

November 2017		
Date	Time	Location
Monday – Nov. 20, 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Harrington Science, Room 101
Monday – Nov. 27, 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Harrington Science, Room 101
Tuesday – Nov. 28, 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Hobart Taylor, Room 1A108
Wednesday – Nov. 29, 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Harrington Science, Room 101

December 2017		
Date	Time	Location
Monday – Dec. 4, 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Harrington Science, Room 101
Tuesday – Dec. 5, 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Harrington Science, Room 101

Each training session will consist of a system overview, along with a workshop at the end to allow users to process live orders and payment requests during and immediately after their training.

To register for classes above, please send an email to PantherBuy@pvamu.edu .

What is the projected go live date?
PVAMU Pilot groups are currently using PantherBuy. Remaining departments are scheduled to begin using PantherBuy during the weeks of November 20th and 27th, promptly upon completion of training for all new purchase requisitions and non-PO based invoices (currently L-Docs/E-Docs). Panther-Buy is scheduled for full implementation by Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

We look forward to working with the campus community for a successful implementation of Panther-Buy at Prairie View A&M University. For additional information or inquiries, you may email PantherBuy@pvamu.edu or contact Jim Nelms, Procurement Manager or Donna Broussard, Accounts Payable Manager at X-1902.

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