

An Introduction to eMARS Procurement



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Why Change?

- MARS - Implemented in 1999
- Long-term Partnership between the Commonwealth and AMS (CGI-AMS)
- Planned Upgrade to the Product



Why Now?

- Changes in Architecture
 - Development Software
 - Changes in Hardware Platform
 - From: Client Server Environment
 - To: Web Based Environment



What does this mean?

- NO MORE SYNC'ING!
- Centrally installed updates
- Web Access from anywhere - Nothing resides on the users desktop
 - Where security permits
- Integrated package
 - Financial
 - Procurement
 - Brass



How did we get here?

- Design Partners
 - From Inception
- Implementation Analysis
- Development of Scope of Project



Where are we going?

- Concept Designs
- Functional Designs
- Technical Designs
- Acceptance Testing
- Training
- Implementation
- Post Implementation



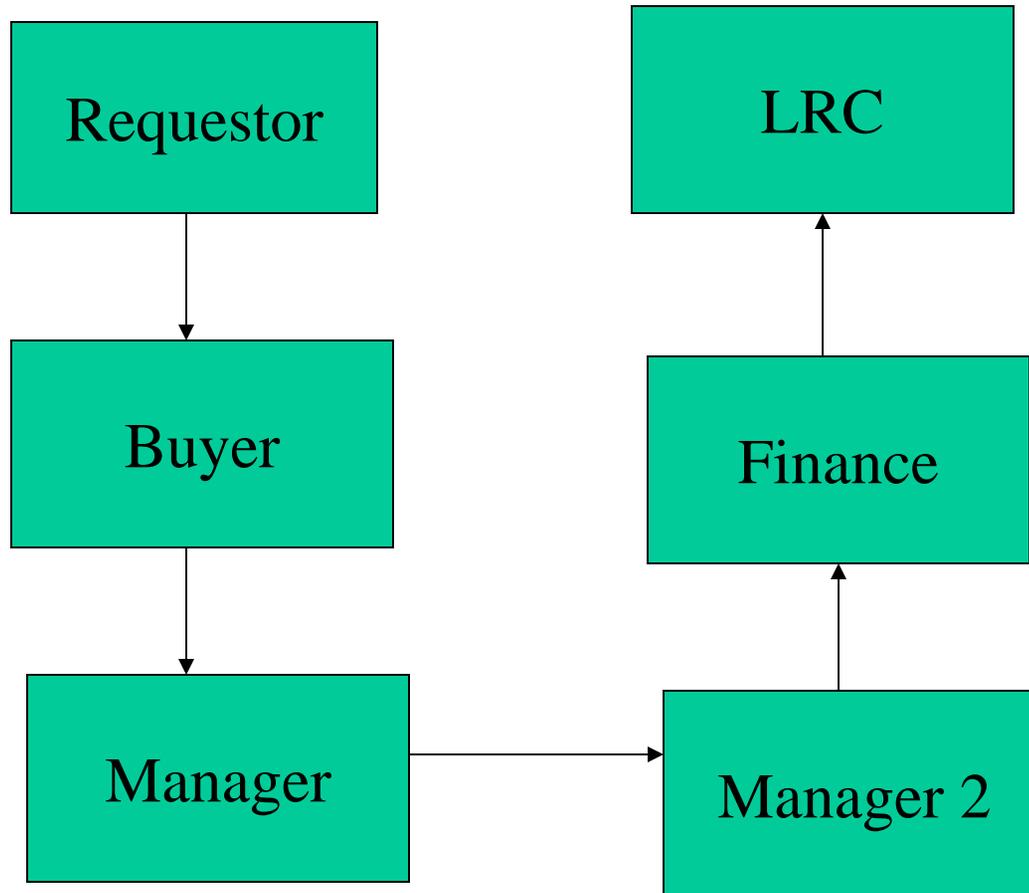
Some Key Improvements

- **Workflow and Approval**

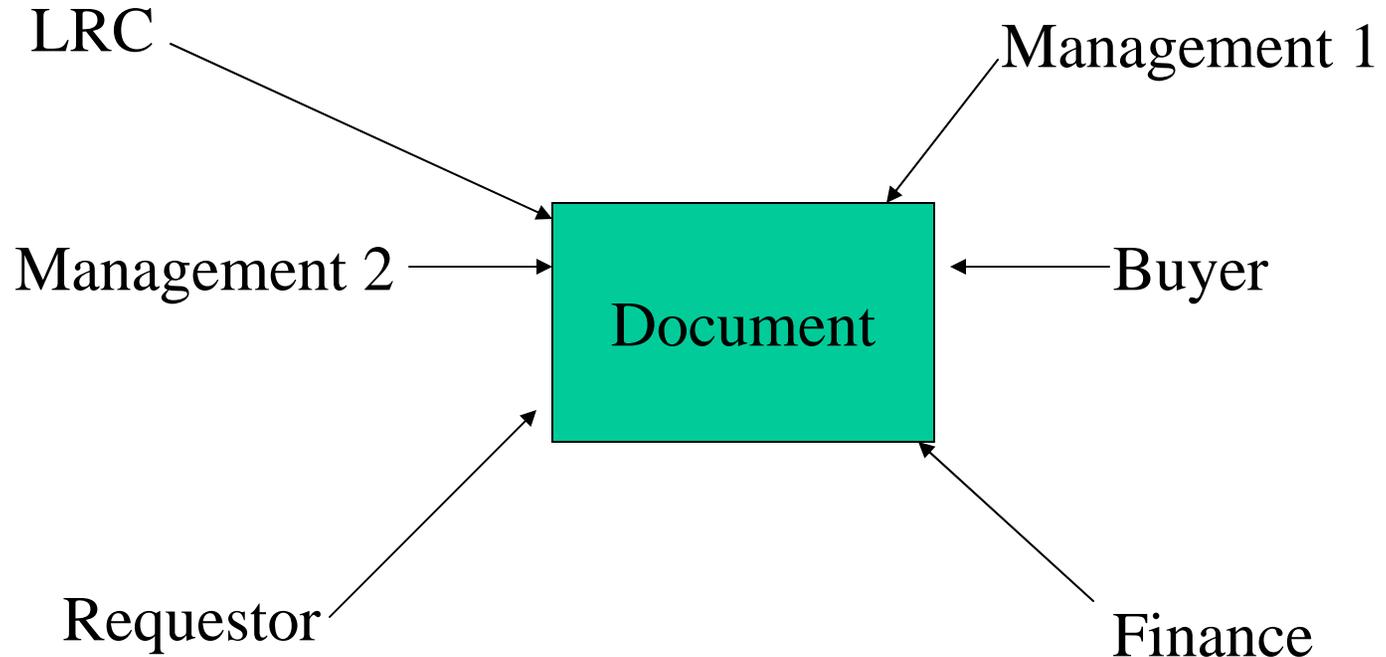
- No more routing
- Controlled by Security
- Team Approvals
- Simultaneous Approvals
- Worklist provides you with an up to date “To Do” list.
- E-Mail reminders in Outlook



Approvals In PD



Approvals In eMars



Improved Features

- Universal Requestor
- Cradle to Grave - Lifecycle
- Contract Activity
- Reporting
- Contract Performance Evaluations
- Commodity History - NIGP Coding
- VSS - Vendor Self Service
- Use of Workspaces as Shortcuts



More Improvements

- Reverse Auctions
- Surplus Auctions
- Surplus Bids
- Matching and Automation of Payments
- Ease of Use for the Infrequent User

OK, What's the Bad News?

- It is a very different look and feel
- We are designing for a baseline product
- It will take time to master



What's the Good News?

- We are designing for a baseline product
- It gives us a great deal of configurability
- It has a longer life span with regular updates
- No more SYNC'ing!



What have we considered ?

- Relied upon key information gathered from 5 years MARS production in the testing and design for eMARS
- Included ideas and capabilities from other using organizations
- Attempting to insure that every valid business case that has arisen is satisfactorily addressed

What is the Timetable?

- First Drop of Modified Software
 - July 2005
- Final Drop of Modified Software
 - November 2005
- Testing and Development of Training Materials
 - 3rd Quarter 2005 - 1st Quarter 2006
- Training
 - 1st Quarter 2006 - 2nd Quarter 2006
- **Go Live - July 1, 2006**



Change!

- "The most successful businessman is the man who holds onto the old just as long as it is good, and grabs the new just as soon as it is better."
Robert P. Vanderpoel
- Some people change when they see the light, others when they feel the heat.
Caroline Schoeder
- Nothing is easy to the unwilling.
Thomas Fuller

What can you do?

- Help with User Acceptance and Regression Testing
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Questions?