Version 1
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New Platform Data Conversion FAQ

Could you provide a chronological listing of "last dates for ...." events for us?

October 15th

Ad-hoc (non-registered supplier) deactivated in eMall

November 1st

Electronic responses for sealed procurements disabled Sourcing & Contracting

December 1st

VBO Buyer Disabled – No new solicitations may be created nor existing solicitations amended

Pause reference data updates (Addresses, Accounting, Workflow, Users) User/Data Management

December 15th (Approx. 2 weeks prior to the cutover date)

Finalize all Quick Quotes & VBO Buyer Solicitations

*QQ will have full access, with responses, right up until Dec. 31st. If you are still in evaluation stage Dec 31st, you will lose that information once cutover begins.

December 31st

Conversion/Cutover target date weekend January 3rd Go-Live!

What will happen to VBO Buyer postings that are still open or closed but not awarded by December 1st?

With VBO Buyer going away on December 1, are you saying that those of us using it will not be able to post any solicitations, award or addendum from December 1 through the new implementation?

Thanks to your feedback, we have revised the conversion plan so award information may be updated in VBO Buyer up until the cutover period.

Those using VBO Buyer currently will be able to post solicitations after December 1st through the Sourcing & Contracting tool.

Need to amend a solicitation after December 1st? Reach out to your Account Executive.

VBO Buyer award updates after go-live will be handled through weekly data fixes requested through your Account Executive. However, since VBO Buyer is retiring, we will only be able to update the data and will not be able to add attachments.

With the deactivation of VBO Buyer, will past solicitations be saved? In other words, will we be able to access our long list of past data?

Yes. Your public postings created in VBO Buyer will continue to be available on the VBO public posting page and the Report & Resource Center.

Are you saying that Quick Quote responses can only be paper, too?

No, we are not disabling electronic responses to solicitations issued through Quick Quote. Since Quick Quotes will not be converted into the new environment, buyers are encouraged to complete all Quick Quote activity (document your award decision and issue order) 15 days before the cutover day. After December 31st, you will be able to view issued Quick Quotes and responses in the Report & Resource Center, however, you will not be able to update Quick Quotes (post awards, bid tabs) after December 31st.

How far back will existing PRs and POs be transferred from the existing eMall/eForms to the new eMall/eForms equivalent (one FY, two FYs, one calendar year, two calendar years, etc.)?

- *For projects that have change orders that span several years, such as construction or blanket orders, how will those be handled if they exceed the transfer range?*
- *What about for entities that do not receive in eVA, so all POs are still appear to open?*

Any transaction two years old or newer will be converted into the new system. Existing eVA captures the last modified date of a transaction. Analysis will be done to convert any transactions that are older than two years but have been modified within the two-year window. Receiving status would not have any impact on what transactions are moved. Existing transactions that are not converted will be available in the eVA Data Warehouse and available via the Report and Resource Center for reporting and analysis.

How will attachments for these PRs and POs be accessible in the data warehouse?

The Report and Resource Center (LOGI), eVA data warehouse and eVA data retention will continue to be available for data that is not transitioned to the new platform. New records/transactions from the new platform will be incorporated with the existing data. Attachments are not, and have never, been available through the data warehouse but are available through the data retention repository.

Will Agencies that have their own financial system integrations to maintain have an opportunity to compare old data to new data to ensure that it matches

Yes, the Report and Resource Center will be available to help entities validate their data. Interface and Integration entities will have the ability to test within our UAT environment to ensure everything is working correctly.

Will receipts in a current "Receiving" status convert (i.e. not fully received)?

Receipts themselves do not have a receiving status (composing/submitted/approved are the valid receipt statuses). To your point, the order/requisition in receiving status will be converted and you will need to create a new receipt in the new system to finalize receiving for that order.

For systems that integrate (i.e. "pulls" receipt info from eVA) will the new system "push" the old receipt numbers, so it will find a match? Will other information being pushed/pulled into financial systems besides Cardinal use the old set of receipt and contract numbers?

Yes, we are working on BizTalk to make sure you know what the old data is so you don't have to make a change on your side.

Once the new platform is live, will there be some type of "purge" timeframe where after X years historical data in the system will be moved over to the data warehouse? Asking since all information will not be converted and that historical data we have now will go to the data warehouse.

Data is currently and will continue to move into the data warehouse 3-4x a day. We will continue to leverage the same data warehouse. All the data will still be there.

Is the pause on users starting 12/1, any changes at all or just adding new users? Will this include deactivations and custodial changes?

We want to minimize as many changes as possible starting Dec. 1st. We realize from a security perspective that isn't always possible (ex. Employee leaves entity, you have to deactivate due to security requirements).

Will new Cost Codes/Program Codes that are required during the pause be accepted?

Yes

The entire PO & PR number will change--not just the prefix?

Yes it will be an entirely new unique ID number and we will map it to the old number.

How will the converted number(s) be communicated to Cardinal?

From a technical perspective there isn't any automated load of REQ's, PO's, or receipts to Cardinal. It is manual entry. Good news is for converted transactions the previous identification numbers will be available for reference.

Will all the renewals that we are required to publish for active contracts move over (renewals recorded and attachments)? Do we have to upload them all again in the new system?

Currently, when you renew a contract in Sourcing & Contracting you are doing so via an 'MA' record. Therefore, all renewals and attachments you have entered will move forward into the new system.