

DIRECT BUY TRANSPARENCY AND DATA IMPROVEMENTS

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) adopted an updated [Direct Buy Policy \(#DES-125-03\)](#), effective March 16, 2020.

DES received significant feedback about reporting requirements. Based on the feedback:

- Agencies do not have new data reporting requirements under the revised policy at this time.
- DES will be monitoring data using the following phased approach:

| Timing | Data Source | Use |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Within next 3 months | P-Card and Amazon Business Data | DES will begin to review P-Card and Amazon Business data to further analyze purchasing |
| Within next 12-18 months | Contract Reporting (Direct Buy purchases with a scope must be reported annually) | DES will further analyze reported direct buy purchases, and may adjust contract reporting criteria |
| Within next 12-18 months | Agency Financial Reporting System (AFRS) Data | DES will work on using AFRS data to compare against the other data sources to ensure a level of accuracy to the direct buy spend. |

This approach is intended to capture and account for a majority of the direct buy spend, and is designed to provide improved transparency as well as useful benchmark data. This data will help inform future updates of the Direct Buy Policy.

DES will monitor and refresh the policy as needed over the next two years, rather than conducting a typical five-year review.

If you have any questions about this policy or reporting requirements, please contact the Enterprise Policy Team at 360-407-2210 or at [Enterprise Policy Team](#) mailbox.