

Realignment: Purchasing Q & A

Q How will the realignment change the way I handle purchases?

A New departmental roles for *Strategic Sourcing & PantherBuy Solutions* and *Purchasing Services* will go into effect on November 15, 2010. Your Responsibility Center may have been assigned to a new [Procurement Specialist](#), and some [Contracted Suppliers](#) are being managed by different Procurement Specialists. These are the only changes that will affect you at this time. Purchasing policies and processes have not changed.

Q How does the new structure benefit purchasers?

A *Purchasing Services* will assume the management of all University-wide contract responsibilities. This means that as a purchaser, you will be able to contact one department for assistance with all day-to-day purchasing issues as well as for special assistance if you are seeking a qualified diversity supplier or environmentally preferable products. There is new emphasis on making guides readily available and creating a one-stop environment for purchasers.

Q Do we still have Responsibility Centers (RCs)? Who is my procurement specialist?

A Yes, however, you may have been assigned to a new [Procurement Specialist](#).

Q Whom should I contact if I have a specific inquiry or issue with a supplier?

A Contact the [Procurement Specialist](#) assigned to the supplier.

Q Whom can I call for immediate assistance?

A See the [Realignment Directory](#) for all realignment related contact information.