



## EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

### Procurement Services

#### **FY 25/26 – 1st Quarter Accomplishments (October-December)**

##### Organizational Experience

1. Employee Experience – Work Environment
  - a. Staff Development
    - i. Created and scheduled Euna Procurement (Bonfire) training sessions tailored to each department's specific needs.
2. Communication
  - a. Improve Internal Communications
    - i. Expand use of Vector Solutions to distribute relevant Procurement training content, allowing users to earn completion certificates and track their progress over time.
  - b. Improve External Communications
    - i. Has continued to support county departments by adapting to their evolving purchasing needs and identifying ways Procurement can assist.
    - ii. The Vendor Liaison has been in touch with various agencies and municipalities regarding their participation in the 2026 Reverse Trade Show.
    - iii. The "Meet the Departments" networking event will bring together representatives from Marion County Departments, the Marion County School Board, the City of Ocala, the CEP, the Small Business Administration, and others. The event will also include a project manager panel discussion focused on project objectives. It will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion.

#### **FY 25/26 – 2nd Quarter Goals (January-March):**

##### Organizational Experience

1. Employee Experience – Work Environment
  - a. Staff Development
    - i. Encourage departments to submit training requests to help identify content gaps related to Procurement processes or tools.
    - ii. Continue to create Euna Procurement (Bonfire) training sessions tailored to each department's specific needs.



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### 2. Communication

#### a. Improve Internal Communications

- i. Continue to create Procurement related training using the Vector Solutions platform.

#### b. Improve External Communications

- i. The Vendor Liaison will continue to support county departments by adapting to their evolving purchasing needs and identifying ways Procurement can assist.
- ii. The Vendor Liaison will continue engagement with agencies outside Marion County to encourage broader participation in the 2026 Reverse Trade Show scheduled for June 17, 2026.
- iii. Plans are underway to update the Procurement webpage to enhance its appeal and functionality, including the creation of “How-To” videos and improvements in visual design to better serve and engage citizens.