

# Updates on Procurement

SAC Meeting

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# Procurement

- Procurement delays have been a hot topic of discussion for past ~4 years
- Mandy Rominsky from 2022-23 SAC had the motivation to approach Procurement with the idea that:

Scientists should not wait for management to improve procedures and communication with various services and infrastructure departments. We should take initiative and establish dialog.

- Mandy had informal discussions with the Head of Procurement at the time (A. Himes). Agreement on need for improvement; discussion about the need to revamp the liaison program; **No actionable items**



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- Nilanjan B. and Vaia P. from the 2023-2024 SAC got interested to continue this effort.
- On 12/05/2023, we sent a message to Susan Simpkins (Head of Procurement and Deputy CFO) and to Matt Glowacky (Sr. Procurement Officer for Service and Goods) asking to meet with them soon. We proposed exploring:

Two items that came to our minds as areas we could start with are:

- a) Procurement WEB pages (from the point of view of a Scientist User)
  - b) Procurement Liaisons – how to make the communication most effective
- No formal response. In mid-December Matt indicated in person that he was assuming a new position at Fermilab and that Procurement is very busy but will get back to us later.



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- Triggered by recommendations at the Fermilab Director's CD-3 Review for the HL-LHC CMS Project, Procurement submitted a streamlined process for Universities to FSO in mid October 2023.
- Lots of discussion and modifications but no approval yet.
- DOE HEP intervened a few times and the Procurement has now hired a consultant. The discussions were revived under new Procurement Management. Hopeful, but we will not believe it until we see it...
- Useful to re-engage (from the SAC) although there is a lot of Project Involvement already