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Strategic Procurement News: Agilent and PerkinElmer Catalog Update

The Agilent and PerkinElmer catalogs on the CU Marketplace have transitioned from hosted to punchout. Both vendors provide key support to the University's research programs.

The upgraded catalogs provide a more robust shopping experience by allowing direct access to the suppliers' catalog websites. Users will find a wider array of functionality and, in addition, they will no longer need to complete the Non-Catalog form in the Marketplace.

Note: Procurement Card use with these suppliers should be limited to emergency situations only.

Questions? Contact Duane Tucker at duane.tucker@cu.edu or 303.764.3453.

How to do Business with CU: Vendor Orientation

Did you know that the PSC offers free training for vendors who are interested in doing business with CU?

Vendor Orientation is a short program which provides an overview of the University System and the PSC, an introduction to the CU procurement process (purchasing thresholds, competitive solicitations, etc.), and an overview of the University's Small Business Program.

Vendor Orientation is free and open to all interested vendors, regardless of business size. It's held monthly at the PSC offices, 1800 Grant Street, Denver. We also offer sessions at other locations throughout the Front Range, including Aurora, Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Westminster.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Downtown Denver – Oct 8
- Boulder- Oct 15

For complete information and to register, contact penny.davis@cu.edu or 303.764.3445.

PSC Town Halls: An Easy Way to Stay up to Date

PSC Town Hall sessions are about to begin on each campus. Come learn about CU Marketplace, Concur Travel & Expense, Purchasing, FinPro Help Desk, and Training.

Sessions run Oct 14 - 23. A complete schedule and registration are available now from the [PSC home page](#).

See you there!

Showcase Season Closes

The eighth annual Supplier Showcase season has concluded with great success and feedback. Over 1,000 CU faculty and staff toured exhibits by a wide variety of suppliers. Twenty-one new suppliers participated. Exhibits included free samples and information about available technologies, products and services.

PSC staff and representatives from other departments (Controllers, FPBS, Internal Audit, Risk Management, Sustainability, Policy & Efficiency) had conversations and answered questions about policies and procedures. Marketplace, Travel/Commercial Card staff were also present.

Colorado Correctional Industries (CCi) brought special canine guests to greet attendees. CCi operates several skills training programs for inmates, including the Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program.

By the numbers:

- The PSC gave away over 700 mini buffaloes and mountain lions.
- 66 dozen cookies were consumed, along with 30 gallons of coffee.
- Countless smiles and business cards were exchanged.
- Over 150 door prizes were won (even more smiles!).
- 26% of exhibitors were small businesses.

Check out our Showcase slideshow on the [PSC website](#). And look for the Showcase Supplier Directory ... coming soon.

CU Marketplace Recognizes More SpeedType Fiscal Roles

As of Sept 26, individuals with any SpeedType fiscal role except Officer are eligible to be approvers in CU Marketplace.

What's changed

The Marketplace now recognizes Fiscal Principals and Fiscal Managers in addition to Fiscal Staff approvers.

What hasn't changed

Individuals who want approval capability in the Marketplace still need to request that authorization via the Financial Systems Access Request form ... in addition to making sure they have an appropriate SpeedType fiscal role.

This modification saves time and effort in that departments will no longer need to assign additional (Fiscal Staff) roles to their Fiscal Principals/Managers just to make those persons eligible as Marketplace approvers.

Questions? Contact FinProHelp@cu.edu or 303.837.2161.