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PSC Staff News

Introducing Shondel Baum

The PSC is pleased to welcome new Purchasing Services Manager Shondel Baum.

Shondel has been in procurement roles her entire career and has a special wealth of knowledge in IT, Science, Chemical, Construction, and Department of Defense government work. She comes to CU from Bechtel National where – among other responsibilities – she procured material for a first-of-a-kind plant to dispose of mustard agent that had been stored for decades at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.



Shondel approaches each day knowing there is a learning opportunity on the horizon. She particularly enjoys developing and supporting highly effective teams. In her role at the PSC, Shondel will supervise two purchasing agents and procure the Food/Beverage Services and Temporary Employment commodities.

Introducing Megan DeGrood

The PSC is pleased to welcome new Purchasing Agent Megan DeGrood.

Megan comes to us from the City and County of Denver where she worked as a buyer. In addition to five years of general procurement experience, she has a background in specialized procurements for commodities related to Aviation, Traffic, and Fleet. She loves the challenge and complexity that Procurement brings, and the variety of people she gets to work with.



Megan graduated from UCCS with a degree in Communication. The Minnesota native loves living and working in Colorado.

Sandy Hicks Co-hosts Brand Webinar

Associate Vice President/Chief Procurement Officer Sandy Hicks joined colleagues from the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) and Pathstone Partners to present an NAEP webinar on “The Procurement Brand – 2015 Innovators Forum.”

The webinar outlined best practices on connecting procurement vision to strategic performance objectives.

PSC “No Agenda” Forums Off to Strong Start

Our new “No Agenda” Forums offer opportunities for PSC/campus interaction in a relaxed structure and setting. The first event – at Anschutz Medical Campus – got us off to a great start!

The Forums let you meet PSC staff and bring any procurement-related questions you may have to a roundtable discussion. Table topics include: Procurement Systems (Marketplace, Concur); Strategic Procurement; Purchasing Services; Contracts; Small Business; Travel; Commercial Card; and, Payable Services. Light refreshments will be served.

[Registration is available online now.](#)

Strategic Procurement News: New Dell Items on CU Marketplace

We’re pleased to announce several exciting changes in the updated Dell catalog in CU Marketplace.

Dell now offers four Smart Select models, all of them pre-configured and available for shipment within 1-2 days. The Smart Select models are the 7250 and 7450 laptops, the 7040 Mini tower desktop, and the 7040 Micro tower desktop. The configurations are popular with CU departments and the products can be shipped several days sooner than models that are customized on the Marketplace.

Note: If you need to build a custom laptop or desktop, you can do so either via the customizable models still on the Marketplace or by requesting a custom quote directly from Dell.

Dell has restructured and simplified their model numbering system. Model numbers (3XXX, 5XXX, and 7XXX) are now being used across all laptop and desktop categories. For example, desktop models previously starting with “9” (9020) now start with “7” (7040 or 7440). Similarly, laptop products that began with “6” (6540) now begin with “5” (5550).

Finally, several of the new models will come standard with an improved warranty: Dell ProSupport Plus. This warranty level provides 24/7 service, accidental damage protection, and complimentary hard drive retention.

Questions? Please contact Duane Tucker at duane.tucker@cu.edu or 303-764-3453.

Reminder: New Mileage Rates for 2016

For allowable miles driven beginning Jan 1, 2016, the standard reimbursement rate is \$0.49/mile.

If the nature of the trip and road conditions **require** the use of a four-wheel drive vehicle, the 4WD rate is \$0.51/mile.