

Procurement Data Transparency: Opportunities and Considerations

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Support for Transparency

- The administration is in full support of the goals outlined in Ord. 2025-211, including:
 - Providing the public greater access to meaningful information.
 - A commitment to building trust through openness in government.



Implementation Considerations

- Publication of procurement data on the Open Data Portal.
- Potential operational and fiscal impacts of ordinance adoption.

Goal: collaborate to ensure transparency measures are effective and sustainable.



Fiscal & Operational Impact

- Uploading historical procurement data into the current system presents significant challenges; additional time is needed to fully understand the time and cost associated with this work.
- Minority Business data will be a manual feed from OMBD to DPS.
- Estimated first-year cost is \$246,000
 - \$227,000+ in labor for manual entry.
 - \$20,000 in recurring annual maintenance.
- Entering legacy data would divert staff from current operations.



Leveraging Existing Systems

- Current portal, OpenGov, is a robust and flexible solution.
- OpenGov provides real-time procurement data and features beyond the requirements of the proposed ordinance.
- Recommend continued focus on refining and automating OpenGov to produce higher quality results with less manual effort.



Unintended Consequences

- Free data provision may lead to high-volume requests from entities seeking data for commercial purposes.
- Additional demand on staff and technology resources.
- No cost-recovery mechanism to offset increased workload or technological demands.



Path Forward

- Full support for expanding transparency and public access.
- Work collaboratively to shape the most effective implementation plan.
- Focus efforts on solutions that maximize transparency while ensuring sustainable operations.
- Provide petitioners with accessible and reliable data.



Executive Summary

Full support for expanding transparency and building public trust.

Implementation challenges: historical data upload could cost \$246K in Year 1 and divert staff from core operations.

Current platform provides a robust suite of options capable of delivering and exceeding ordinance requirements.

Unintended consequences: free data may drive high-volume commercial requests, straining staff and systems.

Path forward: collaborate with Patron to achieve transparency goals while ensuring sustainable operations.

