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**Subject:** Procurement Measurement Assessment Tool (PMAT) – Retirement

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation's Procurement Performance Measurement System (PPMS) was implemented in FY 2004. The PMAT is a component of the PPMS assisting the procurement environment from five different perspectives. Over the past several years, there have been many changes affecting the acquisition process, environment and workforce. The following metrics identified in the PPMS were not fully implemented:

- Changes to various elements of the acquisition environment such as the Certification Requirements, Goaling Requirements (SBA, RCRA, Competition, PBSA, etc) warrant a review of the metrics to ensure all appropriate metrics are identified, defined and adequately calculated.
- In their current configuration, the PPMS and PMAT do not fully exploit the technologies currently available to the department.
- To compensate for the lack of technological advancements requires an inordinate amount of resources to configure, maintain and operate the system and compile the data outputs into user friendly reports.

In view of the above, PMAT in its current configuration is retired. The PMAT database will be archived and stored on the M-60 server.

To ensure the department is afforded the opportunity to develop and sustain a best-in-class acquisition environment, the Acquisition Performance Measurement Team will reconvene, 2nd Quarter, FY-2010 with a focus on reviewing/revising the PPMS and identification of appropriate metrics for assessing the acquisition function as well as, developing the requirements for an assessment system.

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