

eMACS 24.1 Release

Feature Snapshot – Updates to All Modules

IMPORTANT:

The eMACS 24.1 release upgrade will be promoted to the eMACS Production environment beginning Friday, March 15, 2024, at 7 PM MDT/MST through Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 10 AM MDT/MST. During this time frame the Production environment <u>WILL NOT</u> be available to agencies or vendors.

Agencies are asked to review events they may have opening during or around this time frame and consider if any action is necessary, i.e., extending Open Date, and if applicable, the Q&A Submission Close Date. The Q&A Submission Close Date for the Q&A Board is often missed in this review.

Listed below are changes taking immediate effect on Monday, March 18, 2024. These changes should NOT affect existing functionality, permissions, or access rights.

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Vendor Management Enhancements

Vendor Search - New Experience View Enhancements

eMACS has updated the search experience for various documents over past releases. A new experience view for Vendor Search has been available for the past two releases. The new user interface provides a consistent, modern, and end-to-end experience for users with easier access to important functions, enhancing the user experience. Based on the devices being used, desktop, tablet, or mobile, the new responsive layout also offers adaptive display sizes for user convenience.

With this release, the new experience for Supplier Search is no longer considered in Beta. Features that are standard with the classic (current) Supplier Search and other enhancements are available in the new experience. A separate document has been compiled to show the new search in detail and this can be found at https://spb.mt.gov/eMACS-Resources > AGENCIES > Product Releases. The file is titled "24.1 New Vendor Search Enhancements."

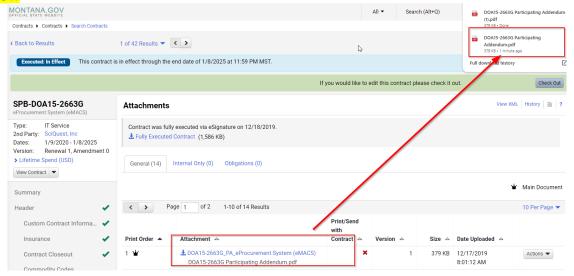
Total Contract Manager (TCM) Enhancements

PDF Document Preview

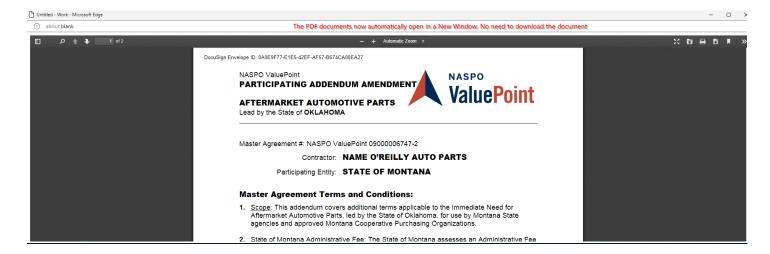
Currently, users can only view attachments stored in Total Contract Manager (TCM) by downloading them to their devices. In the 24.1 release, we are updating the viewing function of PDF attachments so that users may view them directly within TCM. Users may still download the attachments if they wish, but downloading will no longer be the default behavior.

NOTE - This functionality currently only applies to existing contract documents that are already in PDF format.

Current View



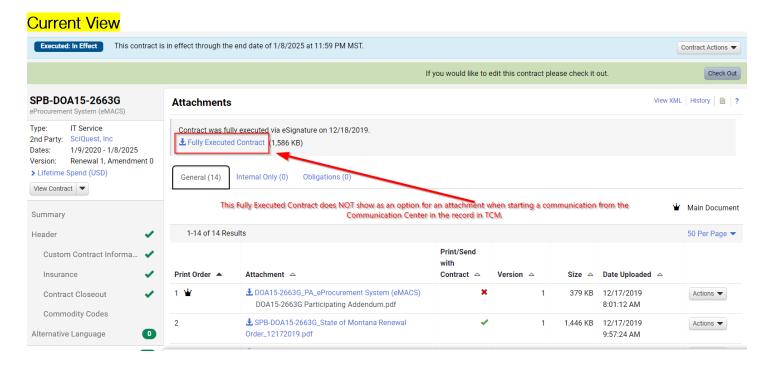
Enhancement View

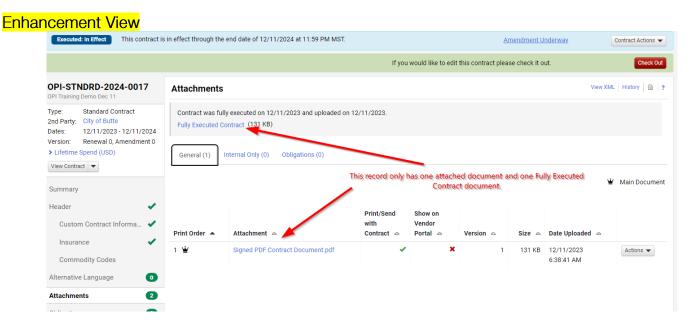


- When clicking on the existing PDF attachment button, it will now open the PDF viewer rather than prompt the user to download the PDF.
- This functionality can be found in the following locations:
 - 1. Attachments area on contracts
 - Top of the Attachments page (NOTE: This is reserved for the Fully Executed PDF/Full Contract PDF)
 - General tab
 - Internal tab
 - Obligations tab
 - 2. Communication Center area on contracts
 - Emails that have PDF attachments on the Internal tab
 - Emails that have PDF attachments on the External tab
 - 3. Contract Attachment Search Results
 - 4. Contract Summary page and overlay
 - 5. Supplier Portal
 - Attachments page
- The PDF Viewer can only support a maximum file size of 50MB. If a PDF is greater than 50MB in size, the file will download instead.

Allow Full Contract Documents in External Communications Emails

Currently, an Executed contract cannot be sent via an external email sent from the Communications Center. The Attachments section does not show the fully executed contract nor the full contract PDF. In the 24.1 release, we are adding the ability for users to choose the Executed contract to be included in an external email sent from the Communications Center. Users will be able to select either the fully executed contract or the full contract PDF to include. This functionality will respect the Allow attachments in the email communication setting for the organization, allowing organizations to restrict this functionality if desired.







External Communication

