

eMACS 23.2 Release

Feature Snapshot-Screenshot

IMPORTANT:

The eMACS 23.2 release upgrade will be promoted to the eMACS Production environment beginning Friday, July 14, 2023, at 7 PM MDT/MST through Sunday, July 16, 2023, 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 Monday, July 17, 2023. These changes should NOT affect existing functionality, permissions, or access rights.

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General Enhancements

Internet Explorer Browser

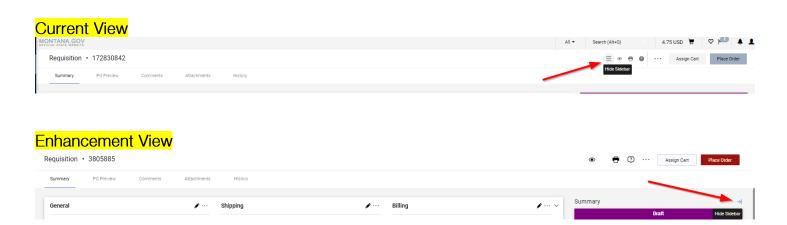
In response to Microsoft's plan to retire Internet Explorer and replace it with Microsoft Edge, support ended for Internet Explorer in 2022. At that time, users could continue to log in to eMACS using IE but would see a warning that the browser was not supported by the system, and they may face some issues. With this release, users can no longer log in to the eMACS application using the IE browser.

New Experience View Enhancements

In 23.2, enhancements to buttons, icons, and sidebar display options on documents provide improved readability. Filter view settings have been updated, and a new Compact View option on the Approval and Draft pages allows users to view more records on a page.

Document Updates

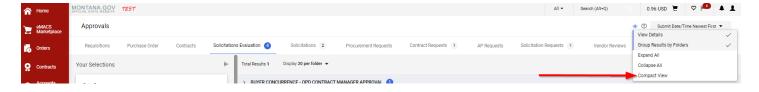
• The sidebar display settings have changed on all documents. Previously the Show Sidebar icon was displayed in the top right corner of the page. Now the icons have changed and moved to the top corner of each sidebar.



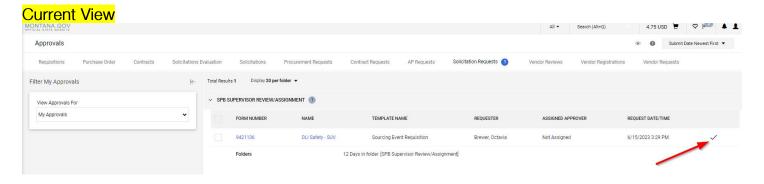
 Filter View Settings on Approval and Draft Pages have been updated. A new Compact View option displays the records with condensed spacing so that more records are displayed on the page.

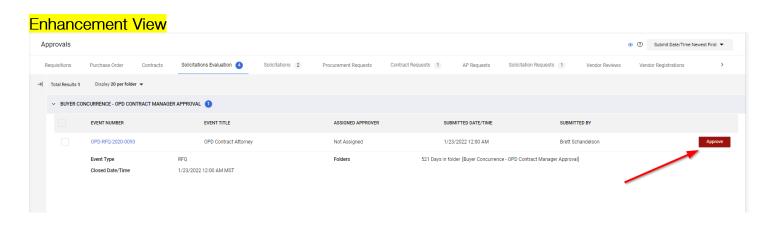


Enhancement View



• Previously, a checkmark indicated a document was ready to be approved. This has now been replaced with an APPROVE button.





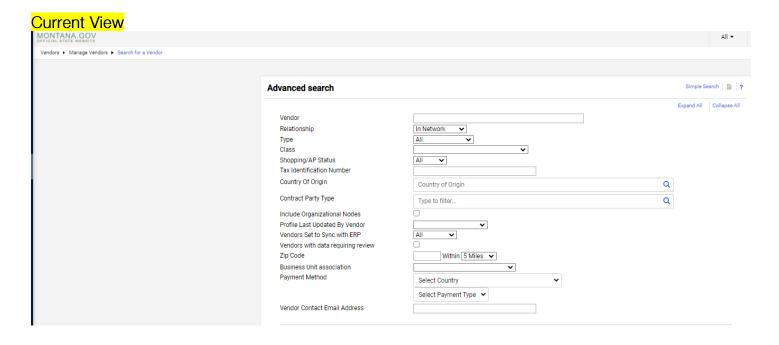
Vendor Management Enhancements

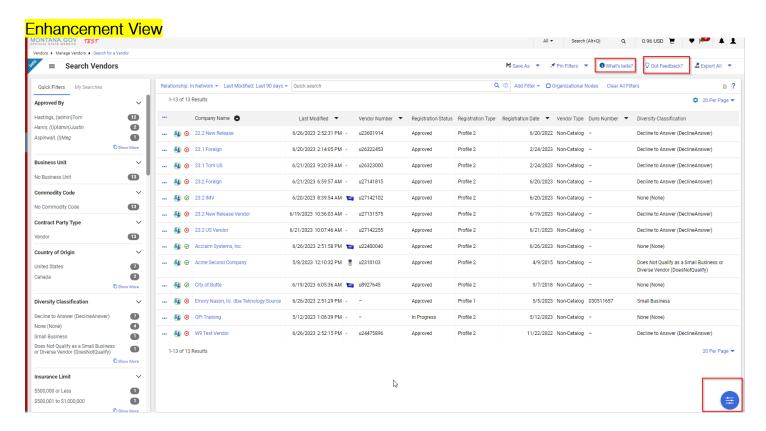
New Vendor Search

With the 23.2 release, we are introducing a new experience view for vendor search. Users will have the ability to test the new experience and give feedback by accessing a "got feedback" link at the top of the search page.

Users will see the vendor search page as follows:

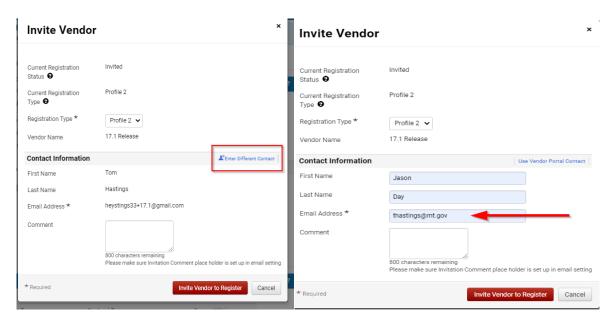
- A new "Choose Your Experience toggle at the bottom-right of the screen allows the user to switch between the new and classic views at any time.
- Click the "What's Beta" icon at the top of the page for general information about the Beta version.
- As you utilize the new experience view, provide feedback by clicking on the "Got Feedback?" link at the top of the page to send a screenshot and comments.

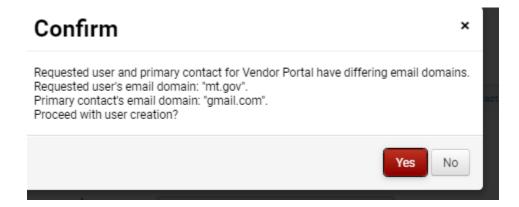




Re-Inviting Vendor User Enhancement

In a previous release, a feature was added to warn a user when a customer user sends an invitation to a new vendor user and the email domain does not match the primary portal contact's email domain. With the 23.2 release, this feature is expanded to include the scenario of resending an invitation to a vendor and changing the invited contact name and email.





Total Contract Manager Enhancements

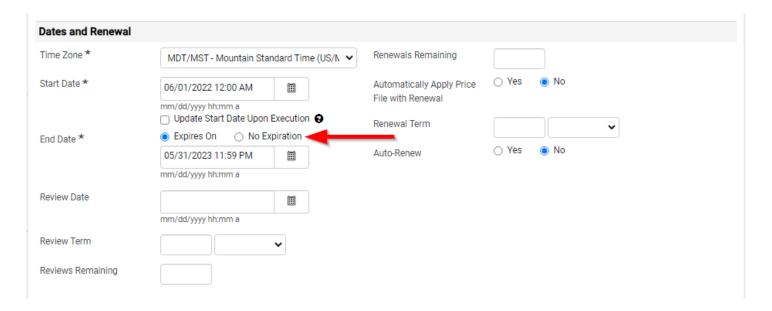
Contract Term Functionality

In Contracts+, the user is required to define an explicit Start Date and End Date when creating contracts that are only effective for a specified period. However, in many cases, contracts are written so that if the execution of the contract happens after the designated Start Date, then the Start Date is automatically modified to match the date of execution. Unfortunately, for contracts that are effective for some time from the start date (e.g., 1 year), the system doesn't automatically update the End Date to reflect the change in the Start Date. If this isn't adjusted manually, then it's possible the contract expires early in the system. In the 23.2 release, we are introducing a contract Term that will allow the user to specify on a contract that, if the Start Date changes, then the End Date will automatically change in the same way so that the full length of the contract is respected.

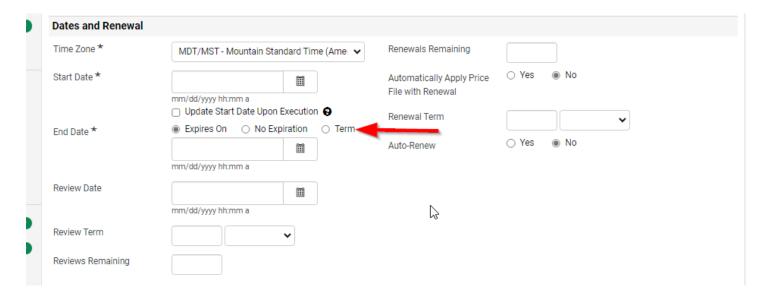
- Users will now see TERM as a new option for the end date field on contracts and contract templates.
- When TERM is selected, users can enter a value and use the drop-down selector to select Days, Months, or Years as the unit.
- When a contract that uses Term as the End Date value has its Start Date updated, the recorded End Date will automatically update to remain in line with the term. For example, if the term is set to 15 Days, then the End Date will always be recorded as 15 Days after whatever the current Start Date is. This automatically-generated value is referred to as the Calculated End Date.
- The Calculated End Date of a contract that uses Term will automatically update if changes are made to the Term. For example, if the Term is changed from 15 Days to 15 Months, the Calculated End Date value will change from being 15 days after the Start Date to being 15 Months after the start date.
- The contract Term can be edited anytime that a user can edit the Start Date of the contract. If the contract is in a state where the Start Date cannot be edited, the Term cannot be edited, either.

- When a contract is copied, the existing Copy Contract overlay now has the Term with the current value displayed. The user can keep, change, or remove the Term, and the Calculated End Date will automatically update. The new contract will display the End Date based on the Term (or no Term) specified during the copy process.
- When creating a contract from a contract template that uses a Term, the created contract will
 have the Term copied over and will automatically provide the Calculated End Date if the Start
 Date has been provided. If the template already had a Start Date and Term, then the Calculated
 End Date will already be present and will also be carried into the new contract.
- When creating an amendment on a contract that has a Term, the amendment will have the Start Date, Term, and Calculated End Date carried over. While the amendment is in the Draft status, the Start Date and Term can be edited and the Calculated End Date will be updated.
- When creating a renewal for a contract that uses a Term, the Term will NOT be copied over to the renewal. Instead, the renewal will be created with the existing logic that the Start Date is the next day after the original End Date, and the End Date will be calculated off the Renewal Term, instead.
- Contract Request (Create and Amend) now includes Term as part of the End Date standard field.

Current View



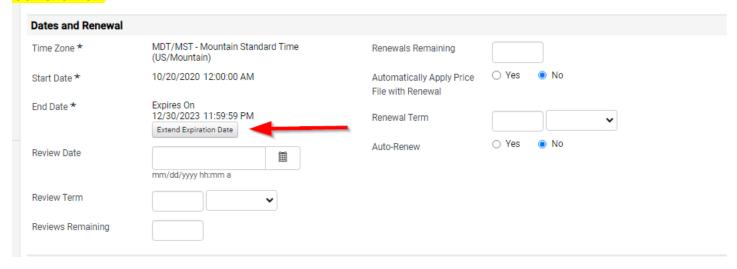
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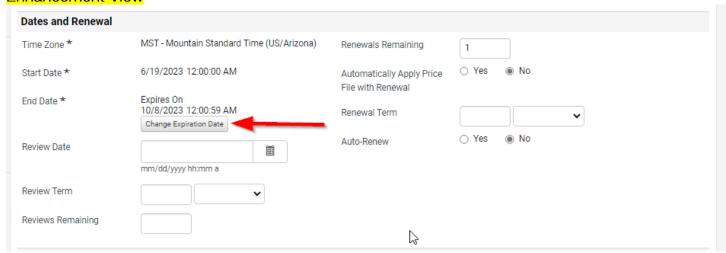
Contract End Date Enhancement

Users with the appropriate permission can now change the Contract End Date via the contract header to be earlier than the existing End Date on contracts. When editing the Dates and Renewal section, the "Extend Expiration Date" button has been renamed to "Change Expiration Date."

Current View



Enhancement View



Ability to Amend Executed Future Contracts

In the 23.2 release, we are introducing the ability for users to amend contracts that are in the Executed: Future status. This will accommodate situations when a contract needs to be amended after it has been approved and signed but before the Start Date when it will go into effect. Previously, the only way for users to amend contracts in this state was to return the contract to Draft status and resubmit it for approval and signing.

- Users can now amend contracts in the Executed: Future status.
- The Amend action can now appear on Executed: Future Amendments, Renewals, and Original versions.
- When a Draft amendment goes through workflow and is executed, the previous version (Executed: Future) is changed to Superseded.
- Each Renewal Group—Renewal 0, Renewal 1, etc.—can only have one (1) Active amendment underway at a time. An Active amendment is considered a Draft up until it enters the Executed: Future status.
- The existing Amendment Underway status will now only display if there is an Active amendment underway for the specific Renewal Group.
- Contract Requests to amend a contract now also show eligible Executed: Future contracts to be selected.
- <u>NOTE</u> The Amend action will generally only appear when the contract status is Executed: In Effect or Executed: Future AND the contract has no amendment already underway.