Q  How will the realignment change the way I handle purchases?

A  New departmental roles for Strategic Sourcing & PantherBuy Solutions and Purchasing Services will go into effect on November 15, 2010. Your Responsibility Center may have been assigned to a new Procurement Specialist, and some Contracted Suppliers are being managed by different Procurement Specialists. These are the only changes that will affect you at this time. Purchasing policies and processes have not changed.

Q  How does the new structure benefit purchasers?

A  Purchasing Services will assume the management of all University-wide contract responsibilities. This means that as a purchaser, you will be able to contact one department for assistance with all day-to-day purchasing issues as well as for special assistance if you are seeking a qualified diversity supplier or environmentally preferable products. There is new emphasis on making guides readily available and creating a one-stop environment for purchasers.

Q  Do we still have Responsibility Centers (RCs)? Who is my procurement specialist?

A  Yes, however, you may have been assigned to a new Procurement Specialist.

Q  Whom should I contact if I have a specific inquiry or issue with a supplier?

A  Contact the Procurement Specialist assigned to the supplier.

Q  Whom can I call for immediate assistance?

A  See the Realignment Directory for all realignment related contact information.