



# Checklist: Is It Time to Move on From Your ERP?

**Still relying on your ERP to manage procurement?  
You're not alone.**

Many agencies rely on ERP systems to manage procurement, but these platforms were never built to handle the complexity, compliance, and strategic demands of modern public sector procurement. Use this checklist to assess whether your ERP is holding you back, and if it is time to move to a modern procurement platform designed specifically for the public sector.

## **Operational Limitations**

- Procurement requests, approvals, and workflows still rely heavily on spreadsheets, emails
- Staff rely on manual follow-ups to move solicitations forward
- Changes to workflows, approvals, or templates require IT support or lengthy configuration
- Time-sensitive or high-volume procurements often create bottlenecks or delays
- Stakeholders struggle to access files or approvals in real time
- The system lacks flexibility for department-specific processes or emergency purchasing
- Sourcing, contracts, and purchase orders are siloed in a different system

## Compliance & Audit Gaps

- Tracking program-specific or grant-funded procurements is manual
- Audit trails require labor-intensive work to compile and review
- Regulatory and program compliance is not automatically enforced
- Lack of a standardized, trackable approval path for every procurement action
- Reports by funding stream, contract type, or program take hours or days to generate
- Compliance errors or missing documentation often go unnoticed until an audit or public inquiry

## Supplier Engagement Challenges

- Vendor performance, participation, and history are not tracked consistently
- Supplier onboarding is slow and inconsistent
- Communication with vendors is largely manual, increasing errors and delays
- Licenses, certifications, or insurance expirations are often missed
- Limited ability to monitor local/small/diverse supplier participation

## True Cost Unknowns

- Finance and leadership lack visibility into real-time procurement performance
- Decision-making is reactive rather than informed by data and trends
- Emergency or exception-based purchases are handled inconsistently
- Agency-wide cycle times, contract milestones, and compliance status are hard to monitor centrally

## If you recognize multiple limitations above, it may be time to move beyond ERP.

A purpose-built eProcurement platform like **SOVRA** is designed specifically for public sector teams and replaces fragmented ERP workflows with: Configurable, department-friendly processes that don't require IT. Real-time dashboards with full audit history and reporting.


- > Streamline supplier onboarding and bid submission
- > Intuitive and guided intake, bi-evaluation, and contract creation
- > Automated alerts that minimize non-compliance and regulatory risks

See how other agencies are upgrading to modern procurement and schedule a walkthrough tailored to your team.

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