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AFWAY adds bulk buy capability

MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala – Experts at the Standard Systems Group continue to re-engineer the Air Force's information technology purchasing web site, aiming at increasing its service-wide usage and improving system procurement and purchasing processes.

AFWAY, an online ordering system fielded last year, places information technology products and more than 30 leading commercial vendors at the fingertips of every Air Force member with IT needs, said Pat Beasley, AFWay program manager. The program supports purchasing and tracking information technology products via an interface to the Air Force IT inventory tracking system.

This web-based tool significantly improves the procurement and purchase approval process, enforces CIO standards for IT assets, and ensures positive asset control and accountability of hardware and software prior to product delivery.

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A new bulk buy enhancement was recently implemented, which gives users the capability to use AFWAY for large quantity purchases to ensure the best price from vendors. "Once the request goes through the approval process, the contracting officer then sends out a Request for Quote," Beasley said. Once the vendor sends back a quote, the selection is made.

The Request for Quote capability opens the purchasing process to the small business community and those companies who do not currently have catalogs on AFWAY, Beasley said.

"The Request for Quote vastly improves the ordering and buying process for our customers," Beasley said. "We've also improved the search functionality, making it easier to find products and orders."

User training is available through SSG. "We just used the Air National Guard's Warrior Network to train users at 271 Air Force and Air National Guard sites," Capt. Cyril LeDoux, AFWay Project Officer. "We intend to use the network for additional classes, plus we're available to conduct on-site training."

For more information on AFWAY, or to schedule training, contact the System Program Office at ssg.afway.pmo@qunter.af.mil.

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