Sponsored by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Procurement Innovation Lab (PIL) provides the DHS acquisition community a safe virtual space for experimenting with innovative techniques to increase efficiencies in the procurement process and institutionalize best practices. The PIL improves the efficiency and effectiveness of procurements by:

- **Lowering entry barriers** for non-traditional, or innovative, contractors;
- **Shortening the time-to-award**, thereby delivering capabilities to customers faster;
- **Encouraging competition** by providing interested vendors with a better understanding of the goals and objectives for each procurement; and
- **Increasing the likelihood of successful outcomes** by focusing on evaluation techniques to identify the most qualified contractors.

The PIL Concept of Operations supports two main activities:

**Testing (Experimenting)**
Apply innovative procurement techniques in actual projects and capture feedback and lessons-learned

**Sharing (Institutionalizing)**
Share best practices and sample documents DHS-wide via webinars, intranet portal, and outreach

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) cited the PIL's innovative work when it announced a new initiative to accelerate the establishment of acquisition innovation labs in all federal agencies.

**PIL at a glance**

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PIL Connects with the Acquisition Workforce by:

1. **Supporting project teams on a bi-weekly basis until completion**;
2. **Establishing Acquisition Innovation Advocates (AIAs) in each HCA component**;
3. **Collaborating in the Government-wide OFPP AIA Council**; and
4. **Sharing best practices and lessons learned via webinars, boot camps, and intranet resources**.

To Learn More: [www.DHS.gov/PIL](http://www.DHS.gov/PIL)

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