



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

ReqtoCheckSTAT

*Reporting Period: Quarter 2 2015*

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**Context**

In order to deliver critical services for its citizens—such as constructing roads, rehabilitating homes, or picking up trash—the City often engages with private companies with specialized expertise. Because these and other services are so critical, Mayor Landrieu has made it a priority for vendors to be selected fairly, for contracts to be negotiated expeditiously and in the best interests of New Orleanians, and for vendors to be paid in a timely manner.

**What is ReqtoCheckStat?**

In order to improve the performance, accountability, and transparency of the City's contracting system, Mayor Landrieu asked the Office of Performance and Accountability to design a performance management program for the entire process of contracting out services—from the requisition of budgeted funds to the issuance of check for services rendered. The result is ReqtoCheckStat, a performance management system where key City officials review data to assess how the City is meeting its goals and to hold departments accountable for their results. ReqtoCheckStat, which takes place quarterly, are working meetings, intended to provoke constructive dialogue on what is working, what is not, and what the City needs to do to improve.

**Can I participate?**

These meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are invited to submit questions, which will be addressed by City officials.

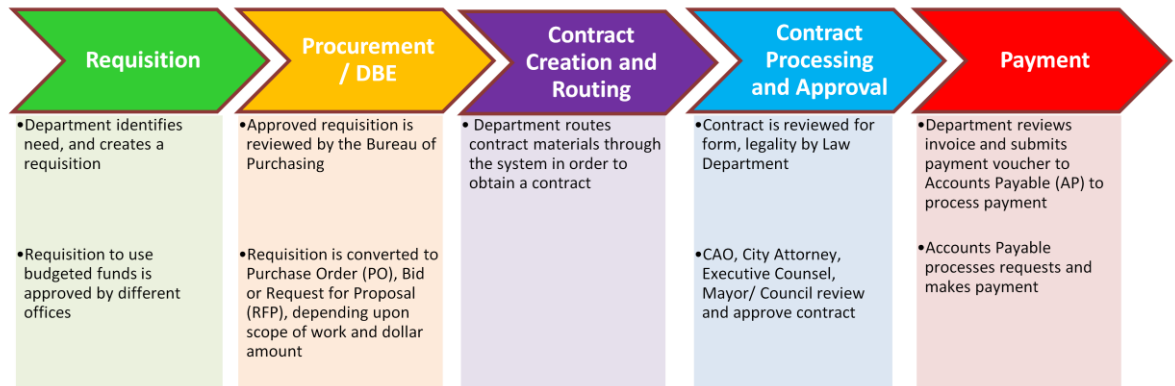


# Action Items

Responsible Parties	Action Item	Status
J. Kilgore ; M. Kleinpeter	Automate purchase order approvals for general fund requisitions with small dollar amounts.	ITI is currently in the testing phase, and in contact with the BuySpeed vendor
J. Meyer; V. Spencer; M. Kleinpeter	Determine method a method for expedited approval process for "time only" amendments.	Law, Purchasing, and OPA have had discussions about potential routing alternatives. Delegating such contracts to be signed by the CAO is the most viable option. They will meet with the Executive Counsel to put together a proposed new approval path.
M. Kleinpeter; J. Meyer;	Revise CAO PM 24 on movables and non-professional services	Purchasing and Law have met to revise CAO PM 24. One more item (partial adoption of title 39) needs to be discussed before revisions are finalized.
M. Kleinpeter; S. Wellman; V. Smith; M. Jernigan	Revise CAO PM 113 on procurement of public works	Purchasing, Capital Projects, Public Works, and Law held several discussions over changes to CAO PM 113. A draft of revisions has been sent out, and is awaiting comments.
J. Meyer; V. Spencer	List of contracts waiting for vendor signature	In concert with OPA, Law agreed to send weekly emails to requestors with contracts waiting for vendor signature over 14 days.
J. Meyer; V. Spencer; R. Dietz	Determine plan for consistently notifying departments of contracts likely nearing expiration, <i>including a close-out/vendor monitoring form for CPO.</i>	Executive Counsel will begin manually recording the expiration date of executed contracts prior to uploading them in the system.



# Procurement Process Overview\*



\*See a more detailed process map on slide 31



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**Responsible Organization:**  
Office of Information  
Technology & Information (ITI)

**Data Source:**  
ITI

**Related Strategy:**  
Manage the City's information  
and analyze the City's data.

**Definitions:**  
*Severity 1 Outage:* The  
complete loss of a core  
organizational or business  
tool/infrastructure that does  
not allow work to reasonably  
continue.

**Though there were no outages to the procurement systems in the first half of 2015.**

**Procurement and Contracting Related IT Systems : Systems Availability**  
(Days of Severity 1 Outages)

System	Q 1 2014		Q2 2014		Q3 2014		Q4 2014		Q1 2015		Q2 2015	
	Server	App.	Server	App.	Server	App.	Server	App.	Server	App.	Server	App.
<b>BuySpeed</b> - General Fund and Agencies (Procurement/Bids/RFPs)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ECMS</b> - Contract Routing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AFIN</b> - Capital and Grants (Procurement/Payments)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Great Plains</b> - General Fund and Agencies (Payments)	0	2	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Budget Office;  
Finance Department

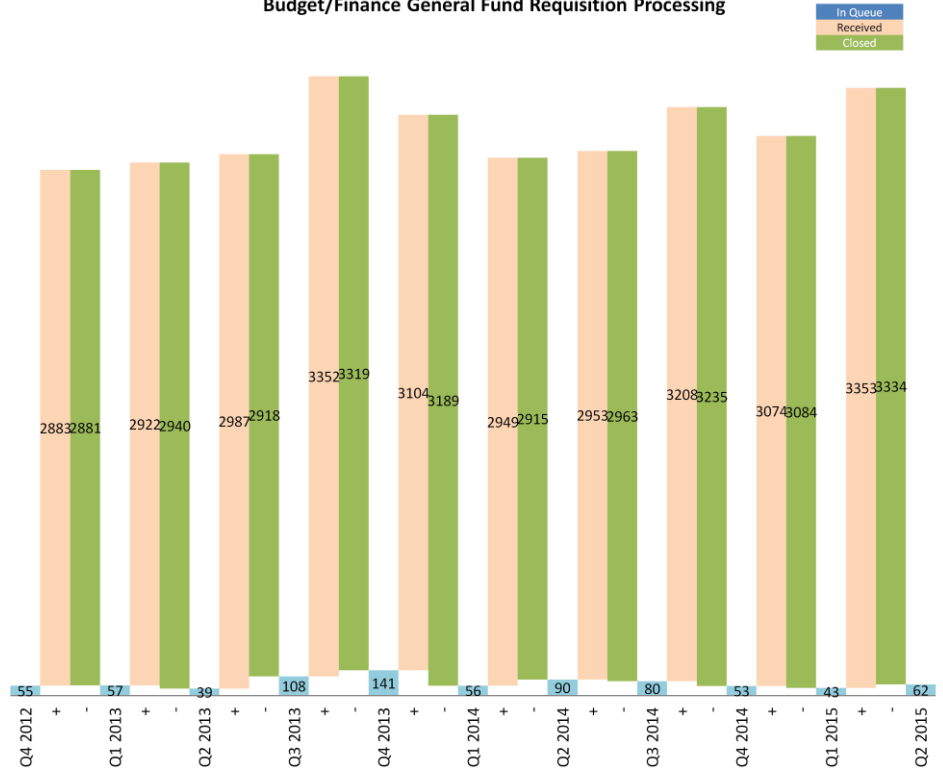
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BuySpeed

**Related Strategy:**  
Manage vendor relationships  
and provide oversight of City  
contracts.

**Definition:**  
*Requisition:* A request to  
procure goods, supplies,  
equipment, and services, as  
well as the authority to commit  
funds to cover the purchase.

The General Fund requisition queue was relatively low, at 62 awaiting approval.

Budget/Finance General Fund Requisition Processing



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Budget Office;  
Finance Department

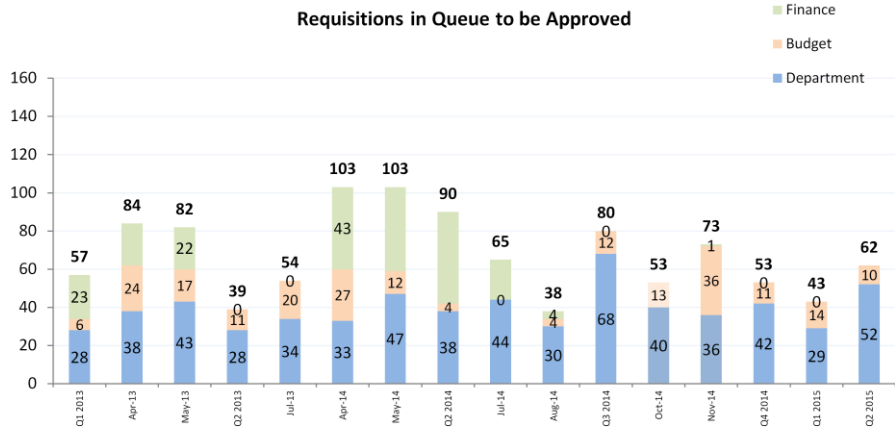
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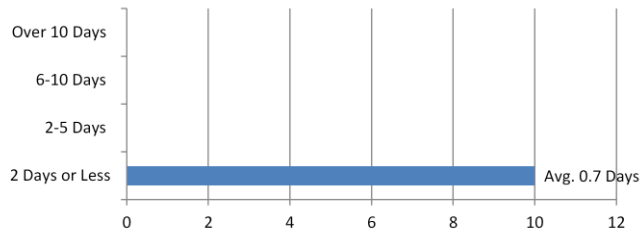
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The majority of general fund requisition queue still at the departmental stage.

Requisitions in Queue to be Approved



Budget Queue



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Budget Office;  
Finance Department

**Data Source:**  
BuySpeed

**Related Strategy:**  
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**Notes:**  
2011 information only  
available from May to  
December.

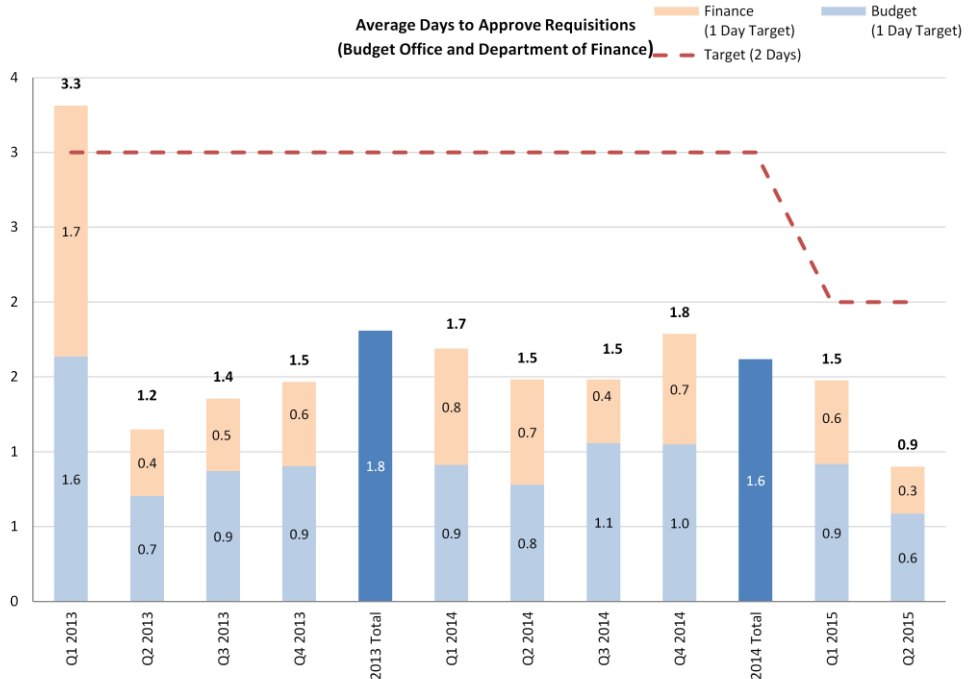
Distributions subject to  
rounding error.

**Legend:**

- On Target
- ▲ Within 10% of Target
- ◆ Off Target

Key measure that best  
indicates whether City  
activities are achieving the  
desired results

## Budget and Finance well within target on days to process requisitions, with fastest quarter on record.





Requisition



Procurement  
/ DBE

Contract  
Creation and  
Routing

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Processing  
and Approval

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# Requisition Approval

KPI	2014		2015		
	Actual	Target Met?	Actual	Target	Status
Average Days to Approve Requisitions by Budget Office	0.95		0.75	< 1	



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Bureau of Purchasing

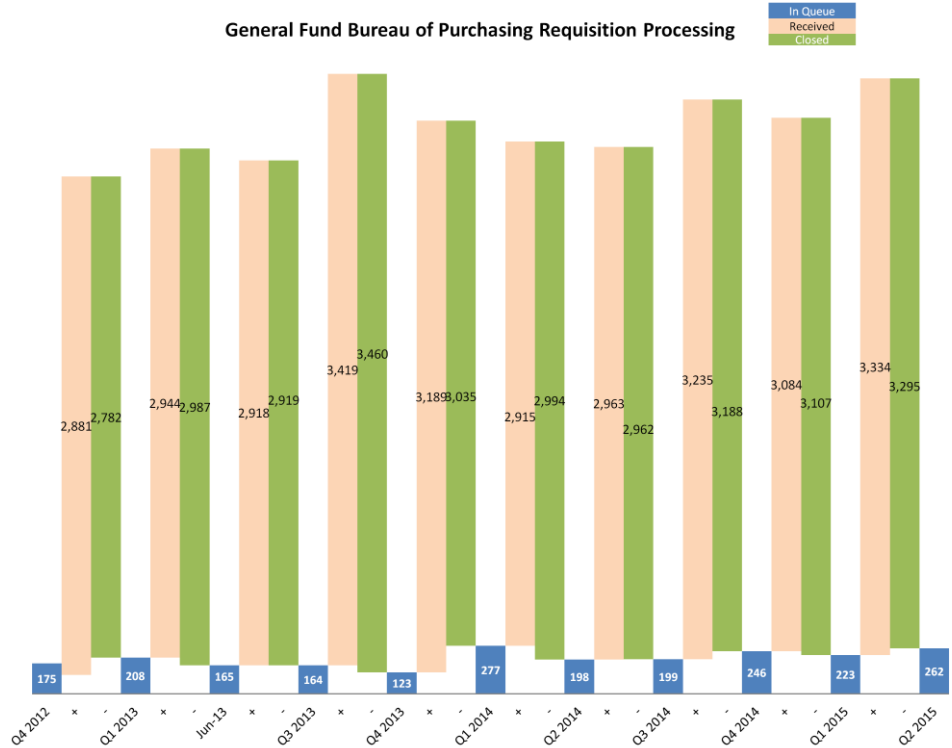
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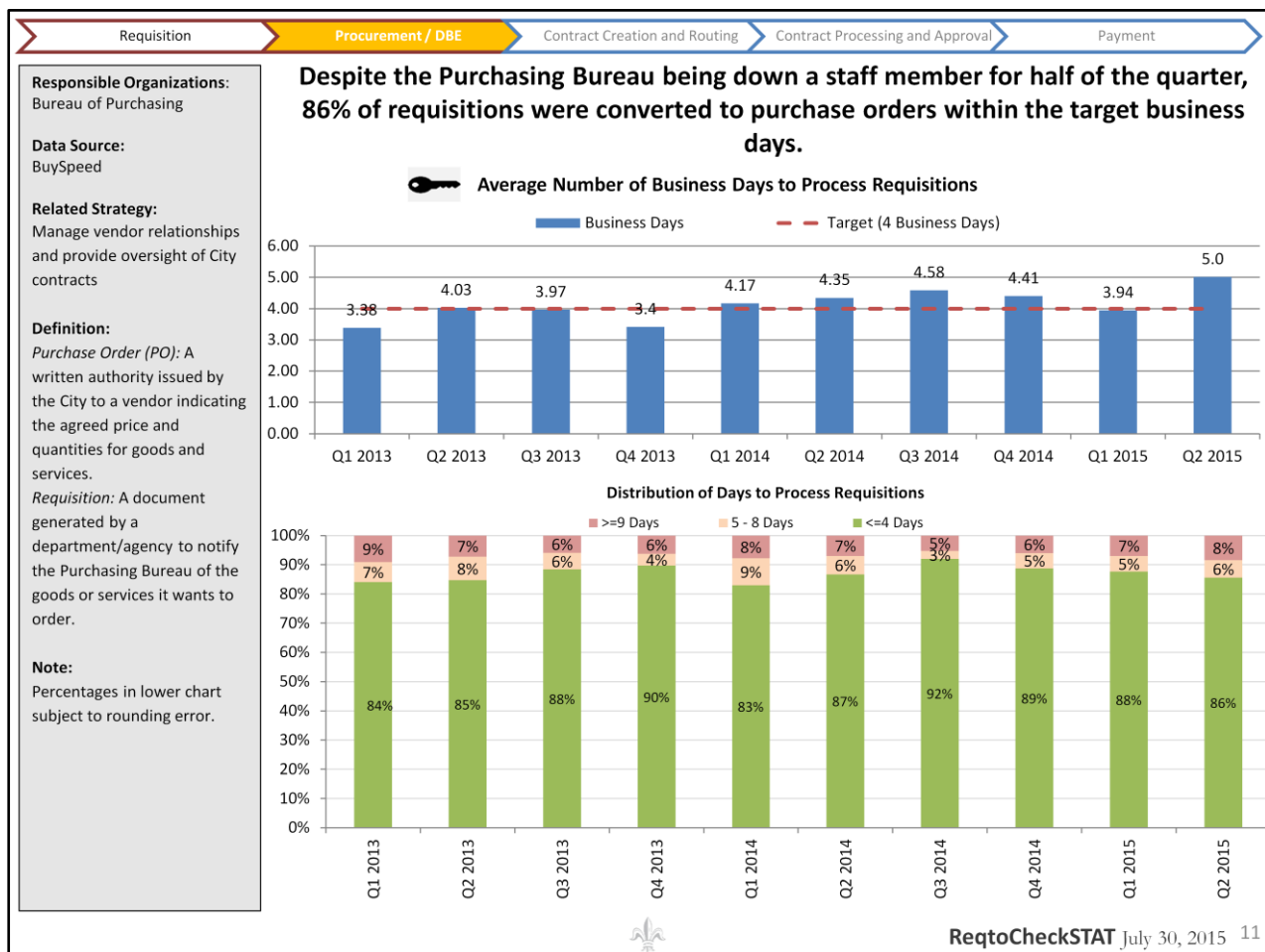
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**Definition:**  
*Purchase Order (PO):* A  
written authority issued by  
the City to a vendor indicating  
the agreed price and  
quantities for goods and  
services.  
*Requisition:* A document  
generated by a  
department/agency to notify  
the Purchasing Bureau of the  
goods or services it wants to  
order.

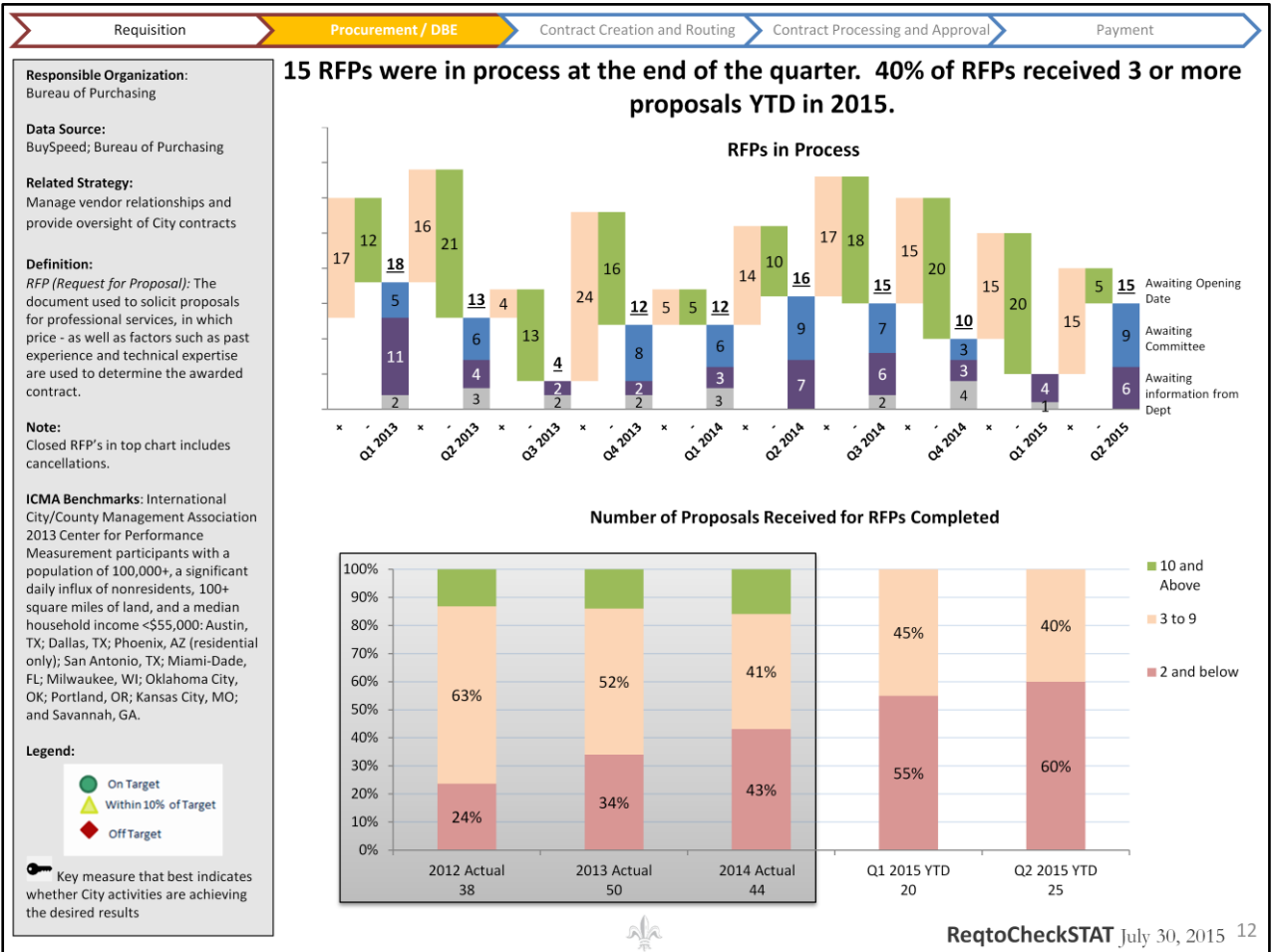
**The Bureau of Purchasing's end-of-quarter general fund queue was at 262. Q2 2015 was the second highest quarter for requisitions processed since Q4 2012.**

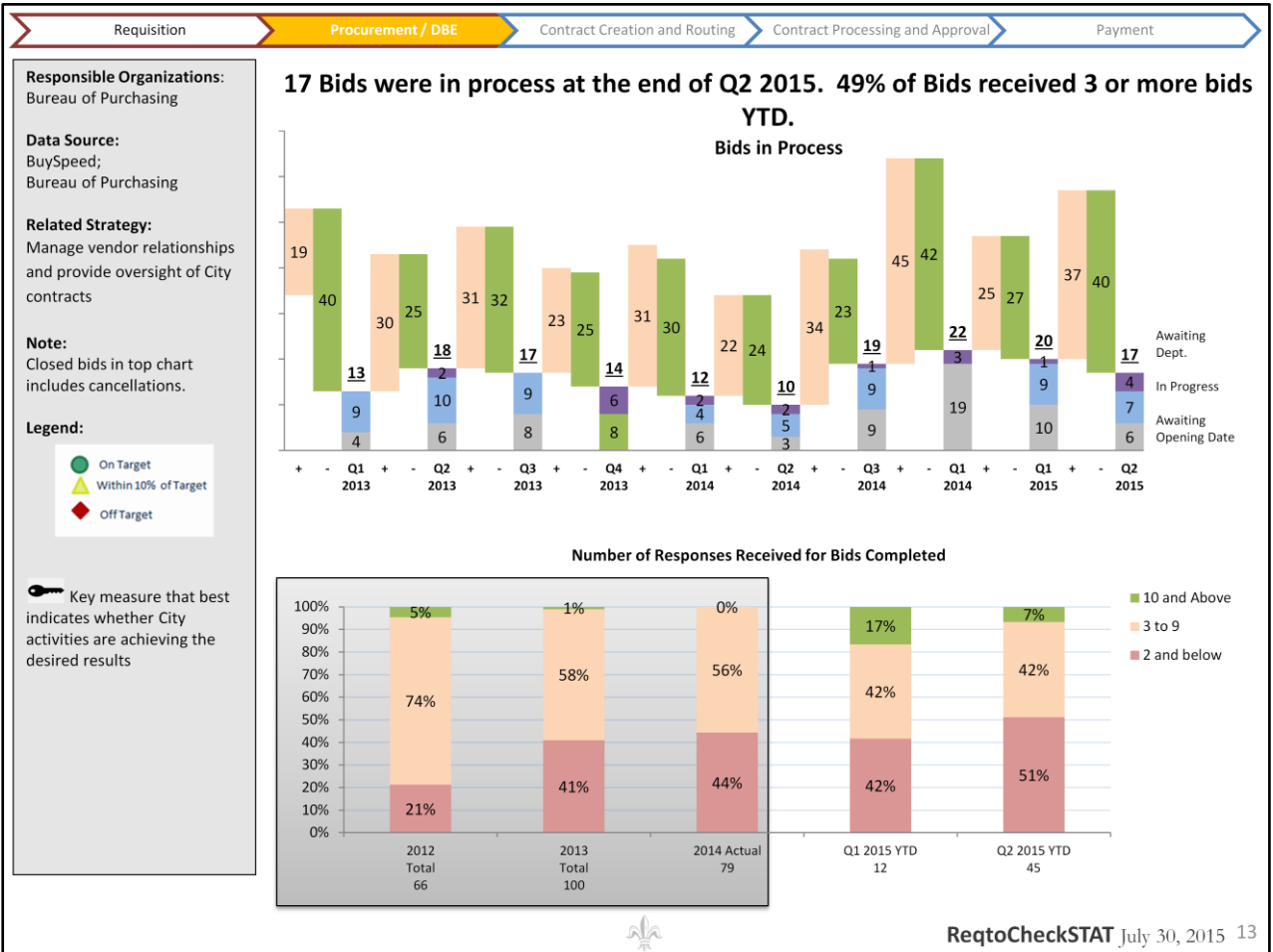
General Fund Bureau of Purchasing Requisition Processing





The Purchasing Bureau noted that they lost one of the five staffers who process purchase orders in mid-May.





**Responsible Organization:**  
Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD)

**Data Sources:**  
BuySpeed;  
Bureau of Purchasing;  
Office of Supplier Diversity

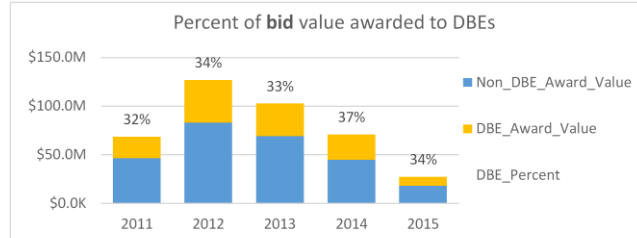
**Related Strategy:**  
Promote an environment of equal opportunity for a diverse supplier pool

**Definition:**  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): A business entity that is owned and controlled by social and economically disadvantaged persons, such that the entity's ability to compete in the business world has been restricted due to industry practices and/or limited capital and/or restricted credit opportunities beyond its control.

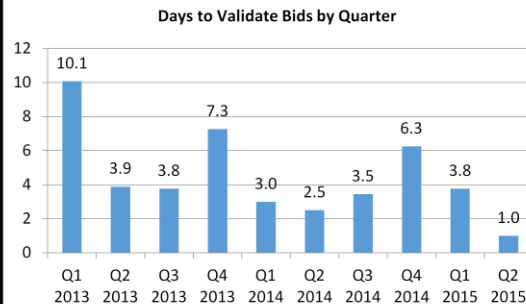
**Note:**  
Data excludes bids for which DBE contracting requirements have been waived; also currently excludes Aviation Board.

## YTD, vendors have committed 34% of bid contract value to DBE firms.

### Bids:



Bids					
Year	Estimated_Contract_Value	DBE_Award_Value	Non_DBE_Award_Value	DBE_Percent	
2011	\$ 68,621,515.00	\$ 21,958,884.80	\$ 46,662,630.20	32%	
2012	\$ 126,894,504.73	\$ 43,697,860.66	\$ 83,196,644.07	34%	
2013	\$ 102,756,809.00	\$ 33,501,039.20	\$ 69,255,769.80	33%	
2014	\$ 70,920,452.00	\$ 25,952,636.56	\$ 44,967,815.44	37%	
2015	\$ 27,452,029.10	\$ 9,313,198.62	\$ 18,138,830.73	34%	



### Status of 2015 Bids

Status	# of Bids
Validated	12
Not Tracked	2
Waiver	11
TBD	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>53</b>



**Responsible Organization:**  
Office of Supplier Diversity;  
Bureau of Purchasing

**Data Sources:**  
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Bureau of Purchasing;  
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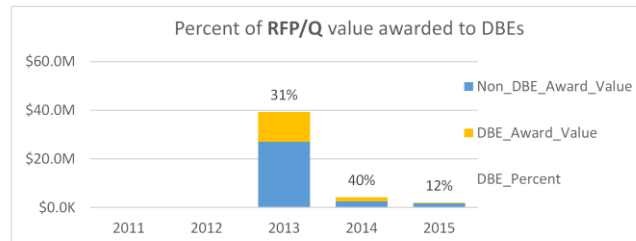
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Data excludes proposals for which  
DBE contracting requirements have  
been waived; also excludes  
Aviation Board, as well as any RFP  
under \$15K.

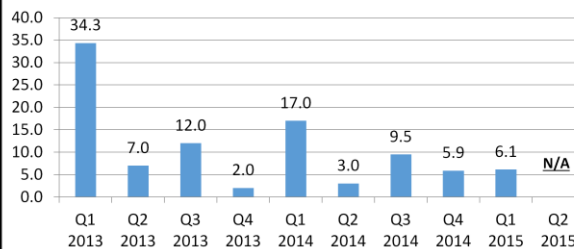
## YTD, vendors have committed 12% of the value of contracts requiring an RFP to DBE firms.

### RFPs:



RFP/Q					
Year	Estimated_Contract_Value	DBE_Award_Value	Non_DBE_Award_Value	DBE_Percent	
2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2013	\$ 39,284,499.52	\$ 12,188,373.75	\$ 27,096,125.77	31%	
2014	\$ 4,287,611.47	\$ 1,700,146.33	\$ 2,587,465.14	40%	
2015	\$ 1,994,754.67	\$ 237,150.00	\$ 1,757,604.67	12%	

Days to Validate RFPs by Quarter



Status of 2015 RFPs

Status	# of RFPs
Validated	6
Waiver	2
TBD	9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>

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## Procurement/DBE

KPI	2014		2015		
	Actual	Target Met?	Actual	Target	Status
Average Business Days to Process Requisitions – Purchasing Bureau	4.4		4.5	4	
Percent of Bids and RFPs with 3 or More Responses	56%		46%	70%	
Percent of City Contract Value Awarded to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	37%		32%	35%	



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**Responsible Organizations:**  
Chief Administrative Office (CAO);  
Civil Service;  
Finance Department;  
Office of Supplier Diversity;  
Bureau of Purchasing

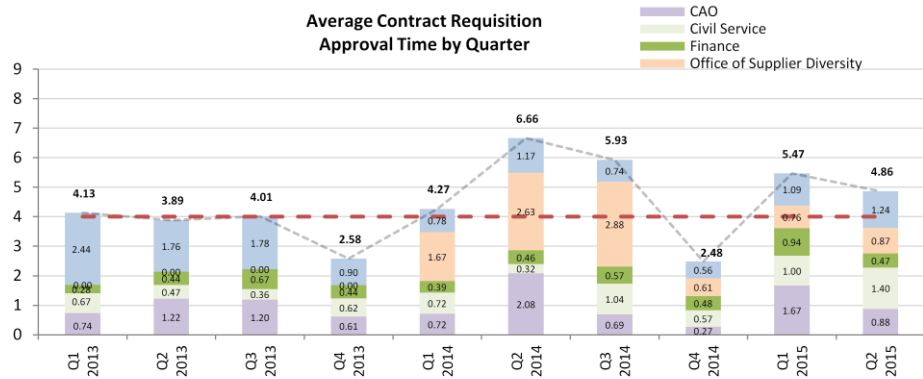
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**Related Strategy:**  
Manage vendor relationships and  
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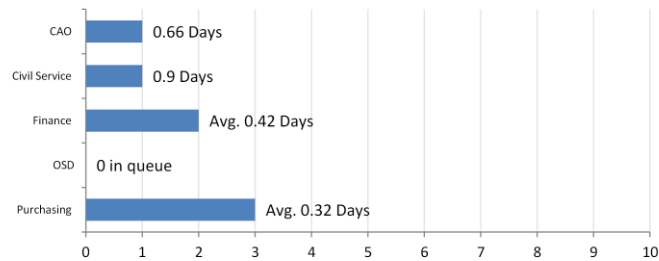
**Definition:**  
*Contract:* Agreement between  
two parties with legal and moral  
binding, usually exchanging goods  
or services for money or other  
considerations.

## Q2 2015's contract requisition days to approval moderately timely. 7 contracts in queue.

Average Contract Requisition  
Approval Time by Quarter



Contract Requisitions in Queue at the end of the Quarter



**Responsible Organizations:**  
 Law Department;  
 Chief Administrative Office\*;  
 Department/agency requesting contract;  
 Executive Counsel;  
 Mayor's Office;  
 City Council\*;  
 Property Management\*;

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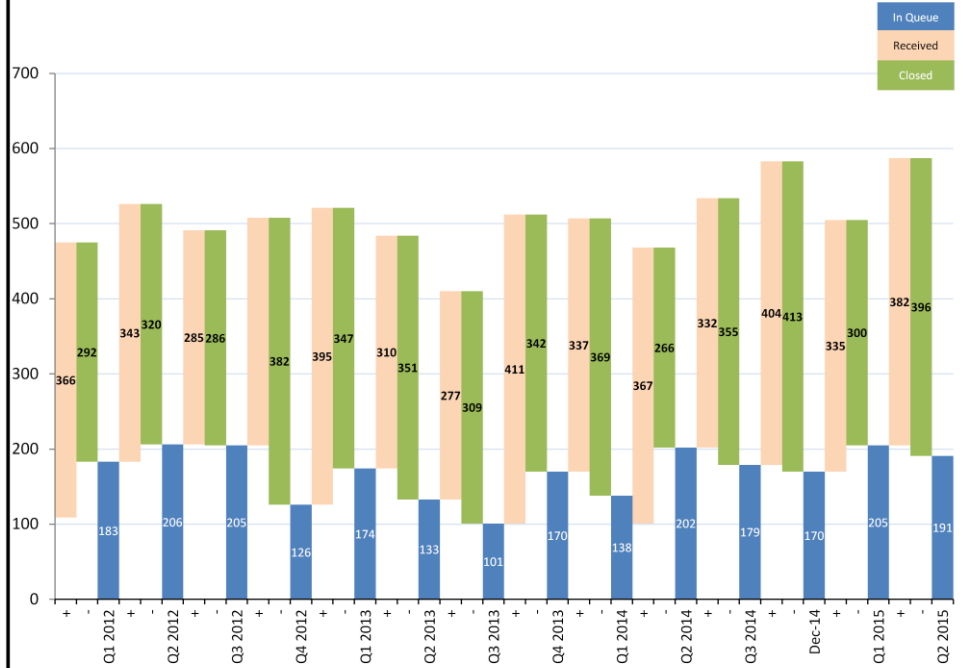
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**Note:**  
 A small number of contracts are executed by City Council, and some are delegated by the Mayor to be signed by the CAO or by the Director of Property Management.

Closed contracts denote any contract that has been signed or cancelled during the quarter.

## Despite closing the second highest number of contracts during the quarter, the Q2 ending queue was at 191.

All Contracts Processed, Received, and in Queue by Quarter



**Responsible Organizations:**

Law Department;  
Chief Administrative Office\*;  
Department/agency requesting  
contract;  
Executive Counsel;  
Mayor's Office;  
City Council\*;  
Property Management\*;  
Finance;

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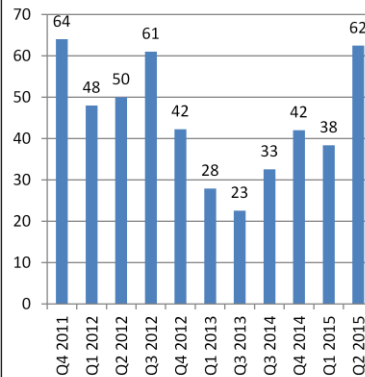
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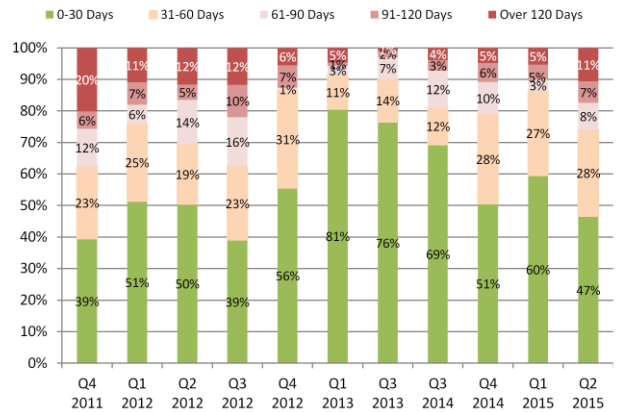
Executive signature queue  
includes contracts awaiting  
execution by Executive Counsel,  
City Council, the CAO, or Property  
Management.

## The average age of contracts in the queue at the end of the quarter relatively old.

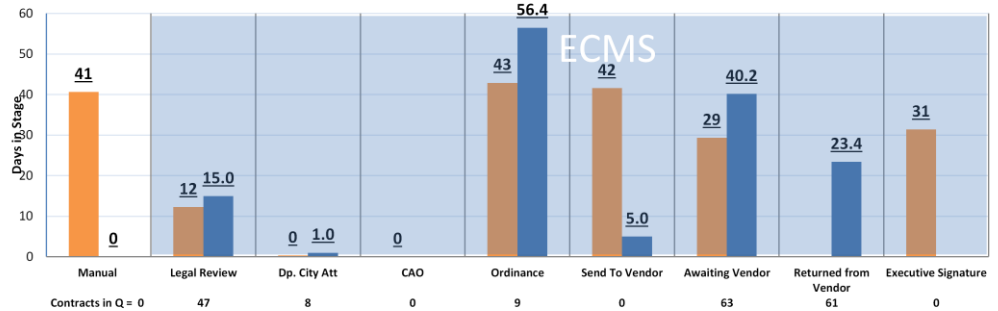
Average Age of Contracts in Queue

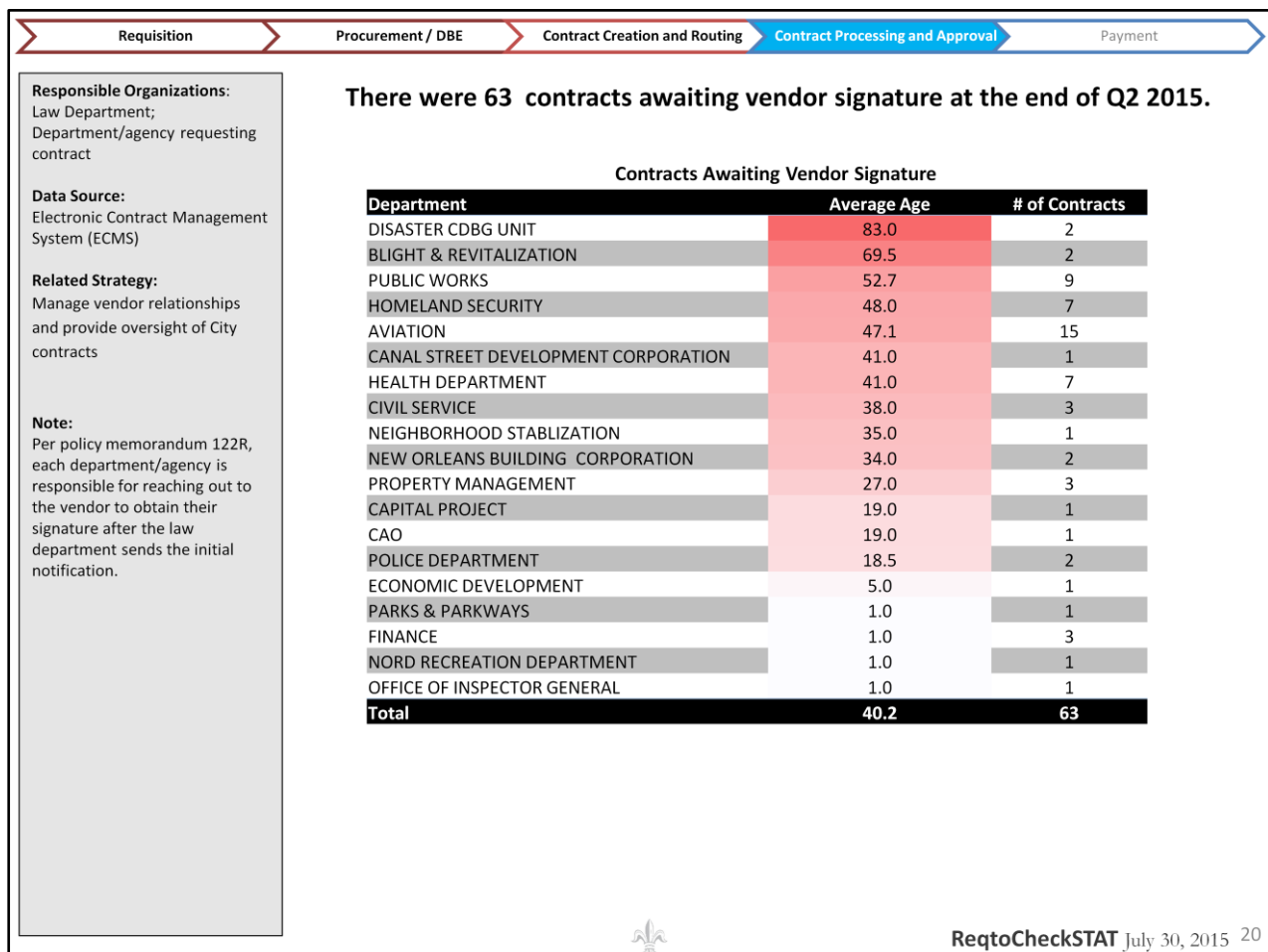


Distribution of Contracts in Queue



Location and Average Age of Contracts in Queue  
(Days from being received from the previous stage)





The CAO stated that given the ongoing challenge with contracts awaiting vendor signature, the Law Department should cancel any contract if they cannot get a vendor signature back after a set amount of days.

**Responsible Organizations:**

Law Department;  
Chief Administrative Office;  
Department/agency requesting contract;  
Executive Counsel;  
Mayor's Office;  
City Council\*;  
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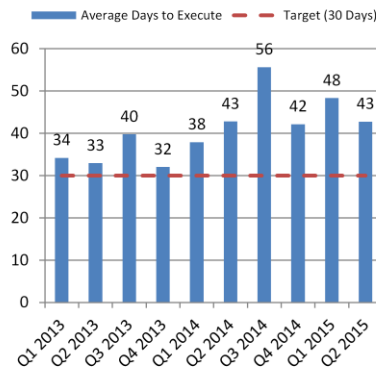
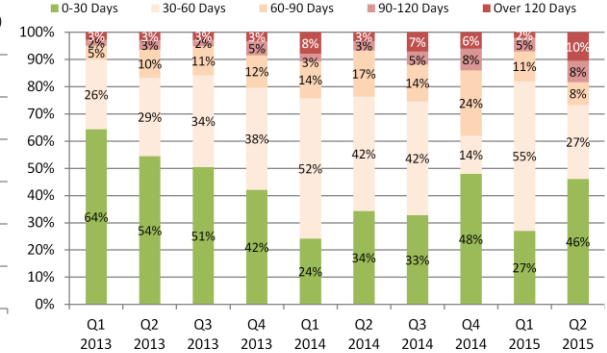
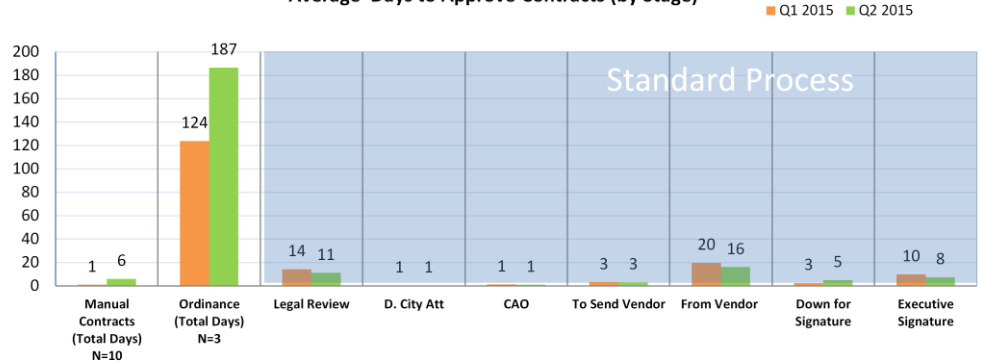
Legal review time includes all the processing time for contracts that were returned at any stage.

Executive signature queue includes contracts executed by Executive Counsel, City Council, the CAO, and Property Management.

"From Vendor" denotes when Law approves in ECMS to signify that a contract will be brought down to the Mayor or delegated executive to be signed.

Distribution chart subject to rounding error

## The average days to execute was 43 days in Q2 2015.

**Days to Execute by Quarter****Distribution of Days to Contract Execution****Average Days to Approve Contracts (by Stage)**

Standard Process





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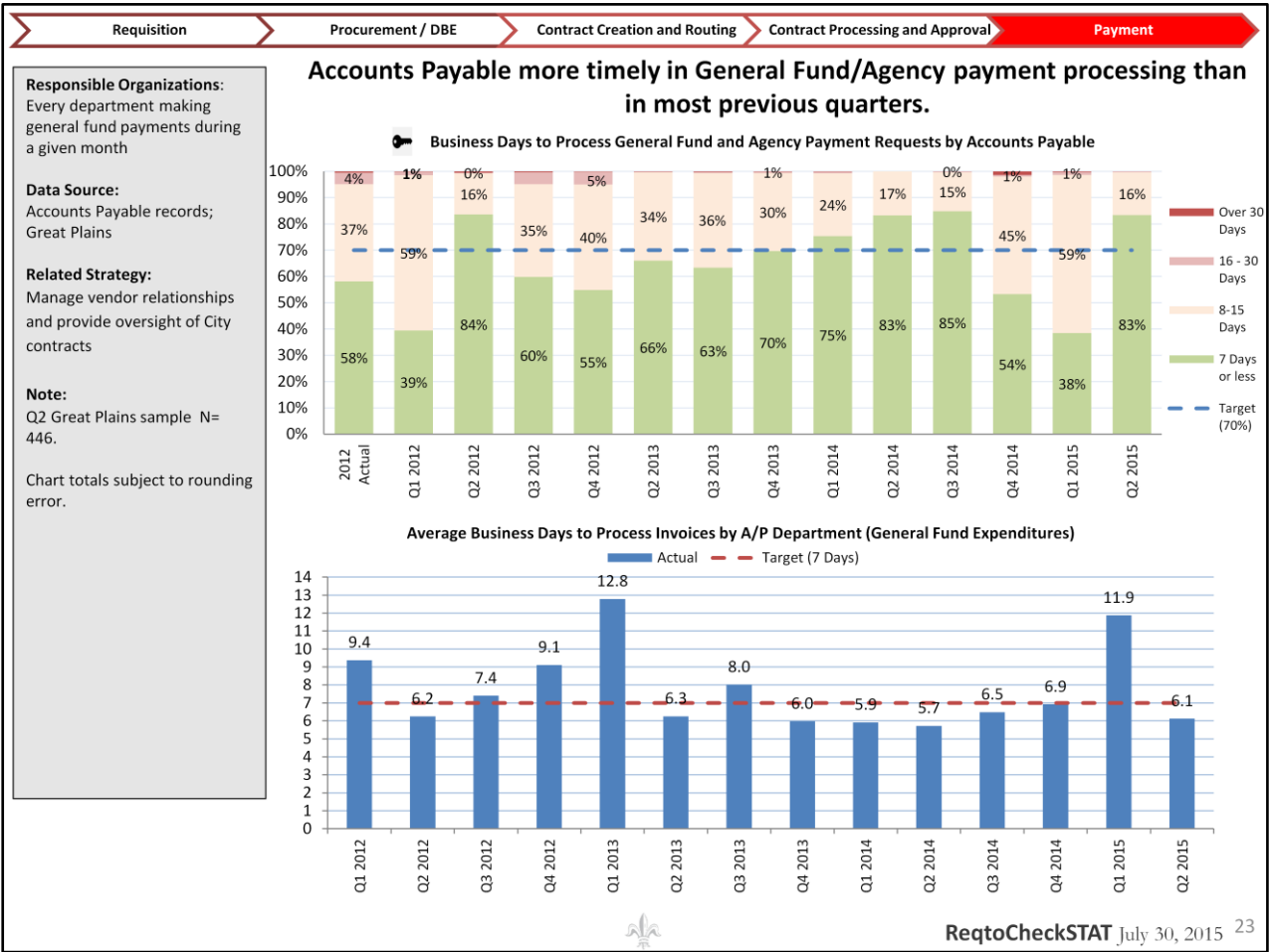
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# Contract Approval Process

KPI	2014		2015		Status
	Actual	Target Met?	Actual	Target	
Percent of Contracts drafted, reviewed, and signed by the Law Department within 30 Days	96%		94%	85%	





The Comptroller noted that despite being down a staff member, Accounts Payable was able to increase the timeliness of payment processing by working overtime.

**Responsible Organizations:**  
Every department making general fund payments during a given month

**Data Source:**  
Accounts Payable records;  
Great Plains

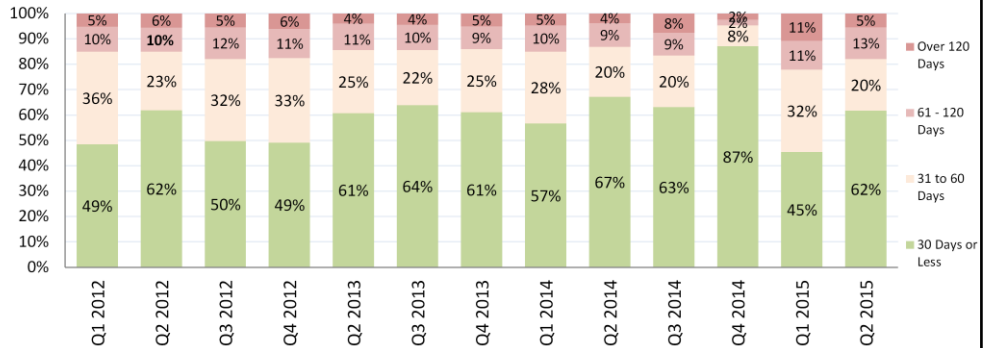
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**Note:**  
Q2 Great Plains sample N= 446.

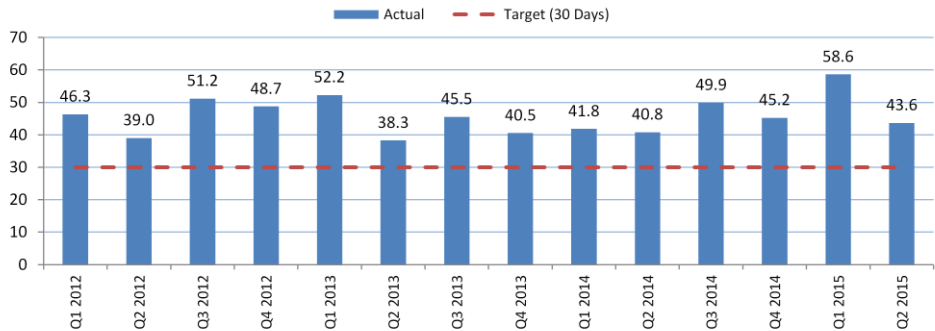
Chart totals subject to rounding  
error.

## Overall timeliness to pay General Fund/Agency payments in Q1 2015 was moderate compared to other quarters.

Number of Days to Pay General Fund and Agency Invoices from Invoice Date



Average Number of Days to Pay Invoices from Invoice Date  
(General Fund Expenditures)





**Responsible Organizations:**  
Every department making capital or grant payments during a given month

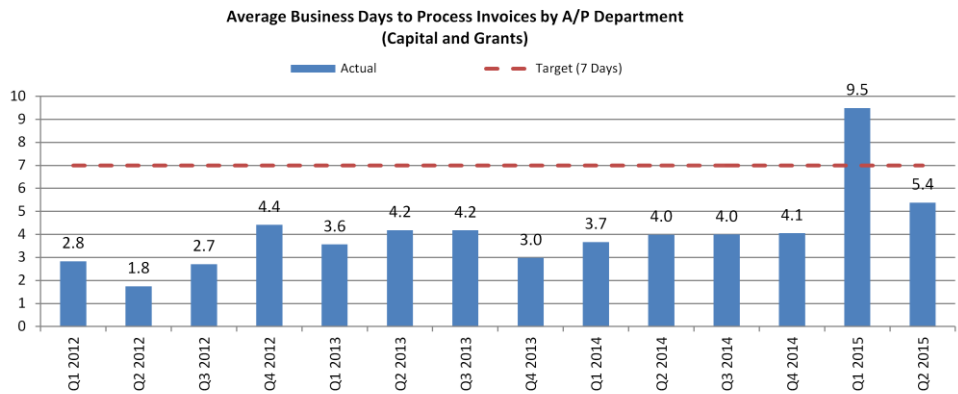
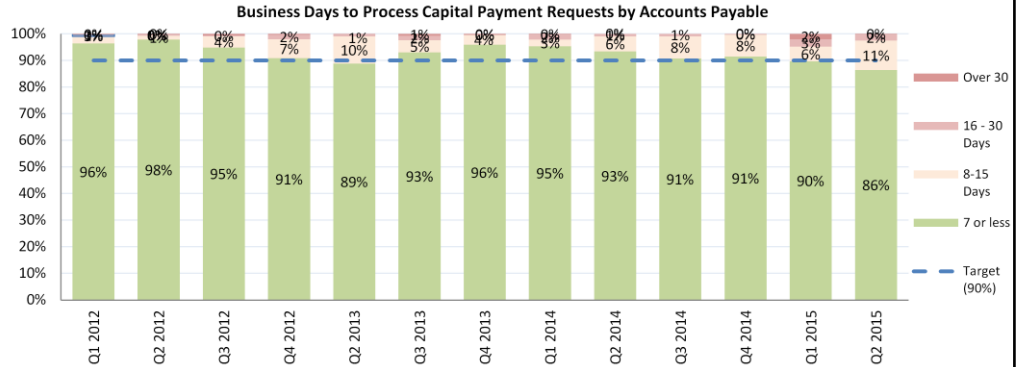
**Data Source:**  
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**Note:**  
Q2 2015 sample N=383.

Chart totals subject to rounding error.

## Accounts Payable was on target with timeliness of processing capital and grant payments processed within 7 business days.



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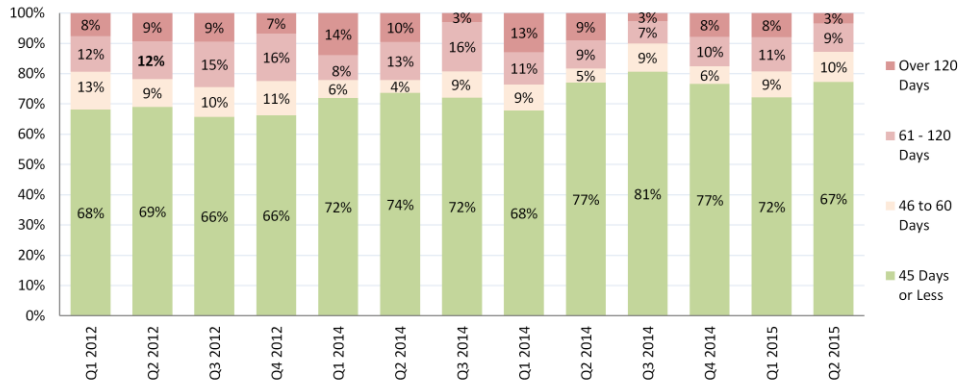
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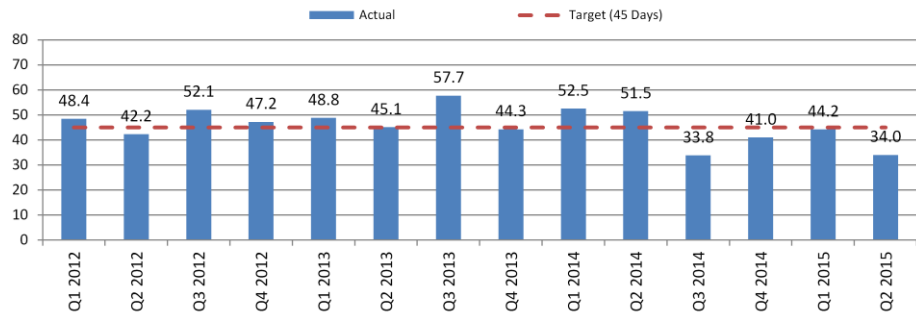
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## Overall timeliness on Capital/Grant payment processing exceeding target.

Number of Days to Pay Capital and Grants invoices from Invoice Date



Average Number of Days to Pay Invoices From Invoice Date (Capital and Grants)



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Every department making general fund payments during a given month

**Data Source:**  
Accounts Payable records;  
Great Plains

**Related Strategy:**  
Manage vendor relationships and provide oversight of City contracts

**Note:**  
Each payment represents one check, which may constitute more than one invoice (in cases of multiple invoices being sent to a particular vendor by a particular department).

Chart totals subject to rounding error.

**Q2 2015 general fund days to payment was slower than comparable periods in the past two years.**

**Sample of General Fund (and Agencies) Payments Vouched for 2nd Quarter 2015  
- By Department/Agency**

Row Labels	Q2 2015		Q2 2014		Q2 2013	
	Average Days from Invoice Date to Check Date	# of Sampled Checks	Average Days from Invoice Date to Check Date		Average Days from Invoice Date to Check Date	
Health	87.7	3	35.5		34.3	
Property Mgmt	72.3	16	8.8		27.6	
Revenue	61.7	7	10.0		14.2	
Police	60.2	25	37.3		29.4	
Library	58.4	33	37.1		33.9	
Mayor's Office - Other	58.0	7	11.1		29.5	
OCDC	57.2	6	19.2		30.3	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	56.8	6	11.0		18.4	
CAO	55.9	10	93.7		60.2	
NOFD	55.7	12	24.9		26.6	
Youth Study Center	55.5	12	19.7		15.8	
AVIATION	49.6	69	29.5		31.3	
COUNCIL	47.8	10	17.0		24.0	
Mosquito Board	46.7	15	12.0		21.8	
Mayor's Office - Core	44.6	21	36.1		23.0	
ITI	41.5	13	60.4		29.0	
Public Works	38.0	15	18.7		20.0	
CIVIL SERVICE	37.2	5	67.9		52.9	
NORDC	34.1	17	17.0		53.7	
EMS	33.8	10	184.5		45.6	
Sanitation	32.7	11	34.6		38.2	
EMD	28.8	18	25.2		42.4	
Homeland Security	28.3	9	20.7		30.8	
Safety & Permits	27.3	4	32.8		20.0	
Code Enforcement	25.0	2	72.4		37.8	
OIG	23.6	10	9.5		16.5	
Parks & Parkways	22.3	23	18.9		27.1	
Law	19.8	11	35.9		23.2	
CORONER	7.5	6	3.0		27.1	
Police Secondary Employment	3.3	20	0.1		*	
Other Departments	50.7	659	21.8		14.8	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>34.2</b>		<b>29.8</b>	



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**Q1 2015 capital and grant days to payment was faster than in previous years of the same quarter.**

**Sample of Capital and Grants Payments Vouched for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015  
- By Department/Agency**

Row Labels	Q2 2015		Q2 2014	Q2 2013
	Average Days from Invoice to Check	# of Sampled Checks	Average Days from Invoice to Check	Average Days from Invoice to Check
OCD	34.1	193	63.8	43.4
Public Works	39.4	94	73.1	106.4
Health	33.2	5	34.9	26.9
Capital Projects	30.1	40	61.8	37.6
Mayor	25.6	24	32.1	27.4
Homeland Security	30	1	42.6	83.8
OIG	27.5	11	14.0	17.3
Property Mgmt	25.8	5		866.4
Other Departments	30.9	15	17.3	13.6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>91.1</b>







Requisition

Procurement

Contract Creation  
and RoutingContract  
Processing and  
Approval

Payment

# The Check: Accounts Payable

KPI	2014		2015		Status
	Actual	Target Met?	Actual	Target	
Percent of General Fund payments processed within 7 business days of being received by Accounts Payable	75%		57%	70%	
Percent of Capital/Grant Fund payments processed within 7 business days of being received by Accounts Payable	94%		88%	90%	



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**Responsible Organizations:**  
Office of Community  
Development

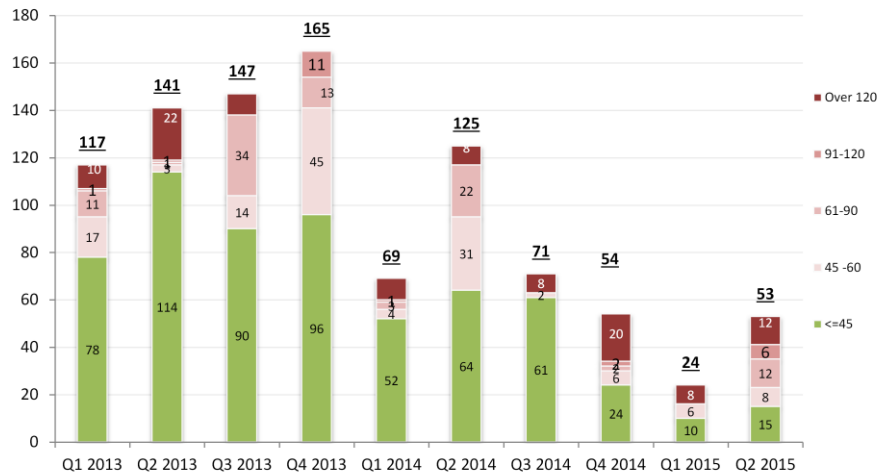
**Data Source:**  
Office of Community  
Development

**Related Strategy:**  
Manage vendor relationships  
and provide oversight of City  
contracts

## Majority of invoices with the Office of Community Development had been in process more than 60 days.

### OCD Invoices in the Pipeline

OCD: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Capital Projects

**Data Source:**  
Capital Projects

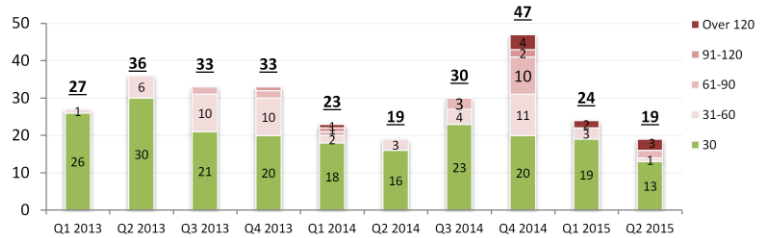
**Related Strategy:**  
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The majority of Capital Projects invoices were in process for less than 60 days.

### Capital Projects Invoices in the Pipeline

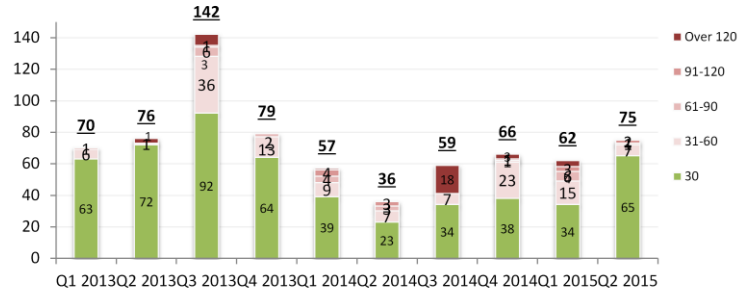
#### Revolver

**Capital Revolver: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline**



#### City

**Capital City: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline**



**Responsible Organizations:**  
Department of Public Works

**Data Source:**  
Department of Public Works

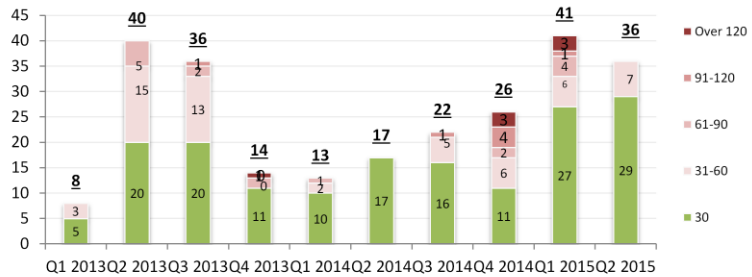
**Related Strategy:**  
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contracts

## Most of Public Works' invoices were in process for less than 60 days.

### DPW Invoices in the Pipeline

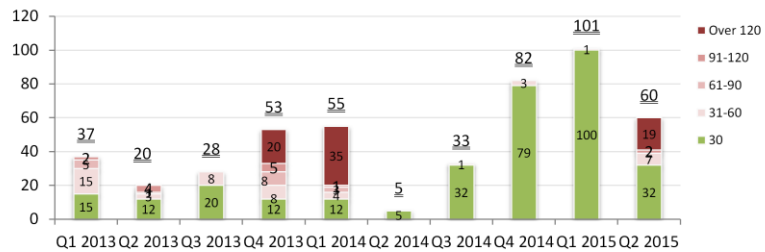
#### Revolver

#### DPW Revolver: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline



#### City

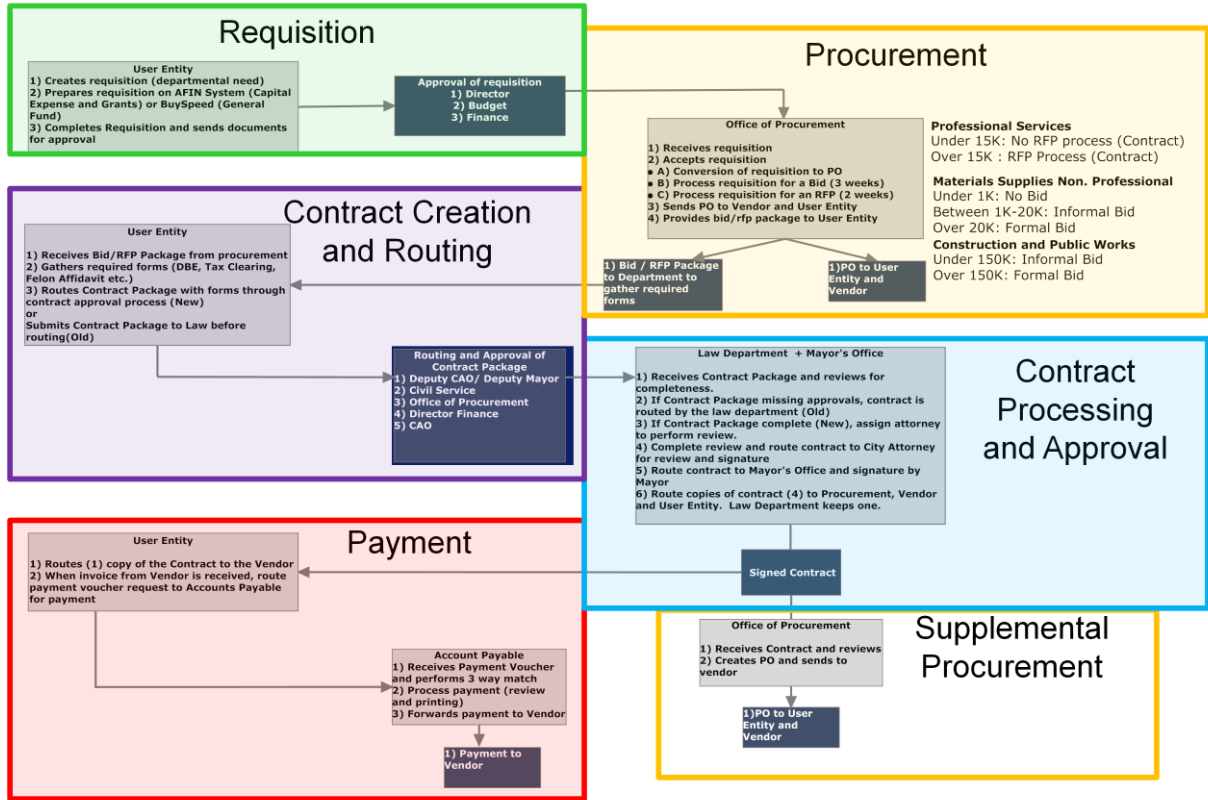
#### DPW City: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline





# Procurement Process Map/City of New Orleans

\* Note map is not all inclusive. It provides guidance of the general process



## Evaluation Form

Are you a city employee or a member of the public?

On a scale 1-5, how useful was this meeting to you (1= least useful and 5= most useful)?

What's working?

What's not working?

