

In addition to the improvements described below, this upgrade introduces many system enhancements related to accessibility requirements, including the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#) (WCAG) 2.1, Levels A and AA in compliance with [ADA Title II](#).

Brief Description	Current Experience	New Experience
<p>Seller Users – Search Bar relocated to Home Page header; Vendor Search introduced</p>	<p>Seller Users navigate to the settings icon to conduct searches.</p>	<p>This enhancement includes the following features and functionalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Search bar now is available in the header of the Seller User’s Home Page, consistent with the Public view and the Buyer/Agency interface.</li> <li>• A new “Vendors” option has been added to the drop-down Search menu, allowing Vendors to search for other Vendors while logged in.</li> <li>• The “Vendors” option also is available in the Advanced Search Document Type drop-down menu for Seller Users.</li> <li>• Search results for Vendors match the Public Vendor search view.</li> </ul> <p>Both Standard and Advanced Searches only return records accessible by the logged-in Seller User.</p>
<p>Special Characters Enhancement for Item Description field (Business Documents)</p>	<p>Purchasers may encounter errors when special characters are copied and pasted into the Description field of Document Items (e.g., Bid Solicitations). These errors and warnings occur when Purchasers enter unsupported characters.</p>	<p>With this update, the system automatically detects and converts common Microsoft-specific special characters (such as smart quotes, dashes, ellipses, bullet points, and tabs) into standard text in fields that use character validation. This significantly reduces validation errors caused by these characters and improves the likelihood that Item Descriptions and related text fields may be saved successfully, while maintaining data integrity and consistency.</p>

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Ability to Activate/Deactivate Files in the Attachment Repository	Each file added to the Attachment Repository is available for selection after a Purchaser selects “Add File” and searches files in the Repository.	<p>This enhancement includes the following features and functionalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By default, all newly uploaded files are marked as “Active.”</li> <li>• Admin Users may uncheck the “Active” option to deactivate a file.</li> <li>• Inactive files are excluded as options when adding/selecting Repository Files for business documents (e.g., Purchase Orders).</li> </ul> <p>This update streamlines file status management, preventing the use of obsolete files and improving overall efficiency.</p>
Exact Match support for Document Number searches (Top Search bar)	Searches using double quotes (“”) only may be performed when using Advanced Search and adding criteria to a single field.	This update introduces support for double quotes (“”) in the Top Search feature, allowing users to enclose the Document Number within quotes to perform an exact-match search. As a result, the system only will retrieve the specific Document associated with the entered number, improving search accuracy and overall user experience.

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