

ALL ABOUT TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT + FUNDING

Technology, in its many forms, often requires a procurement process. A new technology purchase may be a vehicle, a software system, or even capital infrastructure. At times, the procurement process can be drawn out as agencies seek out a vendor that fits specific needs. DOTs can provide support to agencies in their jurisdiction by providing guidance, or initiating a statewide contract for a technological solution. There's also the question of funding. Federal grant opportunities can be difficult for some agencies to participate in – applications may be time-prohibitive for agencies with limited staff time. DOTs play a pivotal role in providing support for federal grant opportunities, as well as providing state funding to agencies for their projects.



Pre-work for **Facilitators**

- Consider your rational and emotional aims for discussing this topic – from the DOT perspective, what is your vision for your state to improve the procurement and funding process?

Questions for Discussion

- What is your vision for an ideal technology procurement process?
- Discuss the barriers to technology procurement.
- What ways can the Summit organizer facilitate procurement for agencies?
 - Statewide contracts
 - Technical support and advising
 - RFP/RFQ templates
 - And...?
- Discuss current strategies to identify funding sources for new technology products.
- Discuss barriers to acquiring funding for technology implementation projects.
- What funding opportunities are available, and what factors are taken into consideration when deciding to apply (or not)?
- Brainstorm opportunities that <facilitator> can support agencies for technology funding opportunities