



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

ReqtoCheck**STAT**

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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.

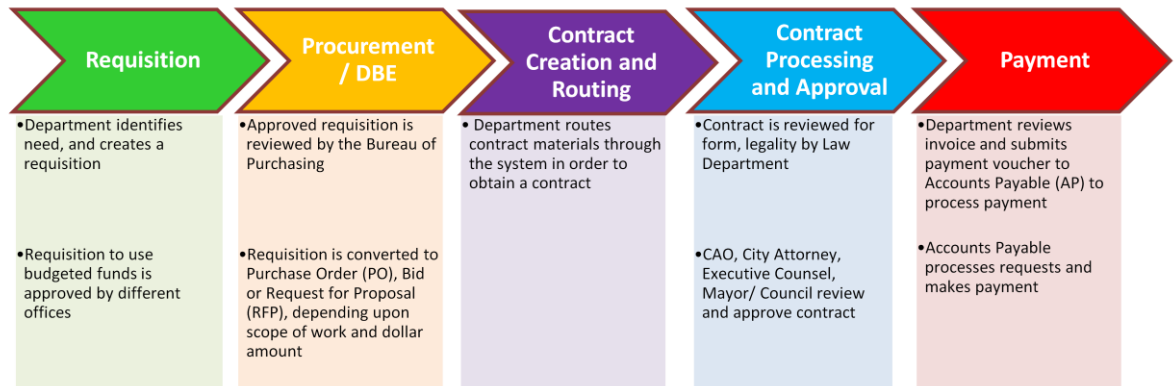


Action Items

Responsible Parties	Action Item	Status
F. Alexander; M. Kleinpeter	Automate purchase order approvals for general fund requisitions with small dollar amounts.	Waiting for ITI to remove the Purchasing Bureau's Buyers out of the applicable PO queues.
M. Kleinpeter; J. Meyer; N. Foster	Approval of standard terms and conditions for purchase orders	Purchasing and Law put together a list of standard terms and conditions (TCs) to be attached to all purchase order issued when a contract is not required.
J. Meyer; V. Spencer; M. Kleinpeter	Determine method a method for expedited approval process for "time only" amendments.	Law, Purchasing, and OPA had an initial meeting to discuss potential routing alternatives. Delegating such contracts to be signed by the CAO may be a viable option.
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; J. Meyer; V. Smith; M. Jernigan	Revise CAO PM 113 on procurement of public works	Purchasing, Capital Projects, Public Works, and Law met in October 2014 to discuss changes to CAO PM 113. Law is working on first draft of a revised version. All parties will meet in February to move revised draft forward.
J. Meyer	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; Sarah Wellman; V. Spencer	Determine plan for consistently notifying departments of contracts likely nearing expiration	Law and OPA met with several departments to discuss their current processes for keeping track of when their contracts are going to expire. Law and OPA hope to propose a solution to facilitate an interdepartmental tracking process.



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 Q1 2015, email issues disrupted procurement system notifications to vendors and approvers from January 17 through February 2nd.

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

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



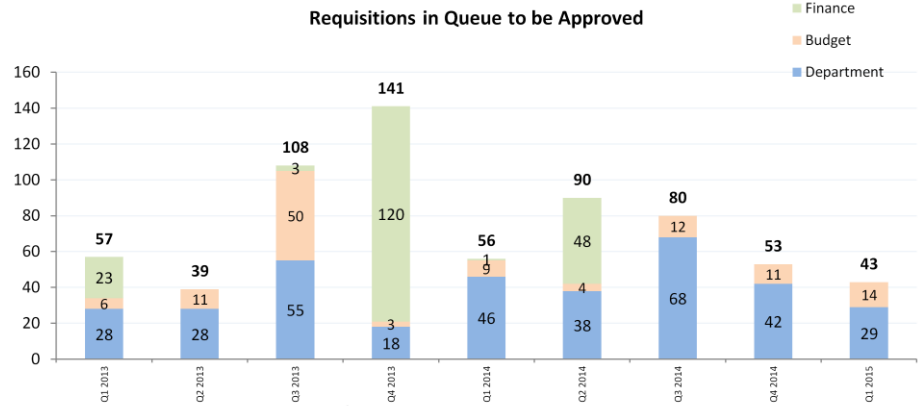
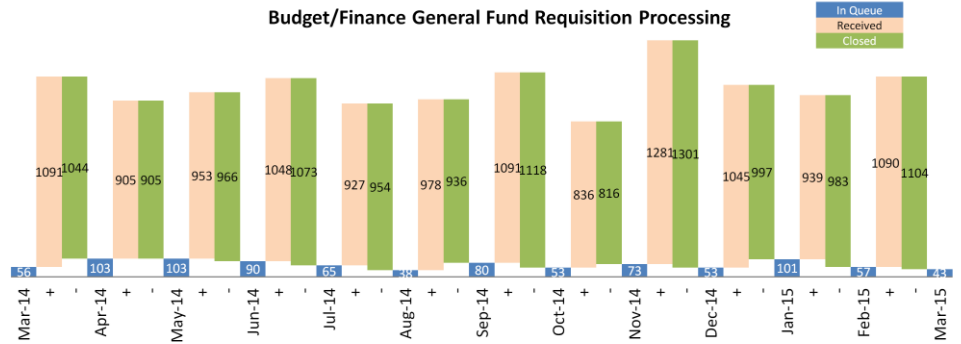
Responsible Organizations:
Budget Office;
Finance Department

Data Source:
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 43 awaiting approval.



Responsible Organizations:
Budget Office;
Finance Department

Data Source:
BuySpeed

Related Strategy:
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Notes:

2011 information only
available from May to
December.

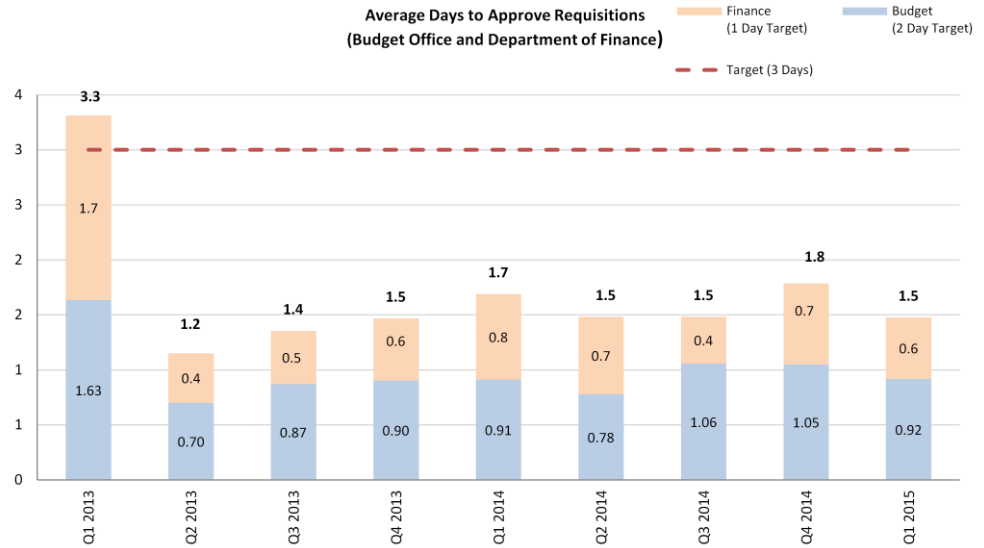
Distributions subject to
rounding error.

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 began 2015 well within 3 day target YTD.



Requisition



Procurement
/ DBE

Contract
Creation and
Routing

Contract
Processing
and Approval

Payment

Requisition Approval

KPI	2014		2015		
	Actual	Target Met?	Actual	Target	Status
Average Days to Approve Requisitions by Budget Office	0.95		0.92	< 2	



Responsible Organizations:
Bureau of Purchasing

Data Source:
BuySpeed

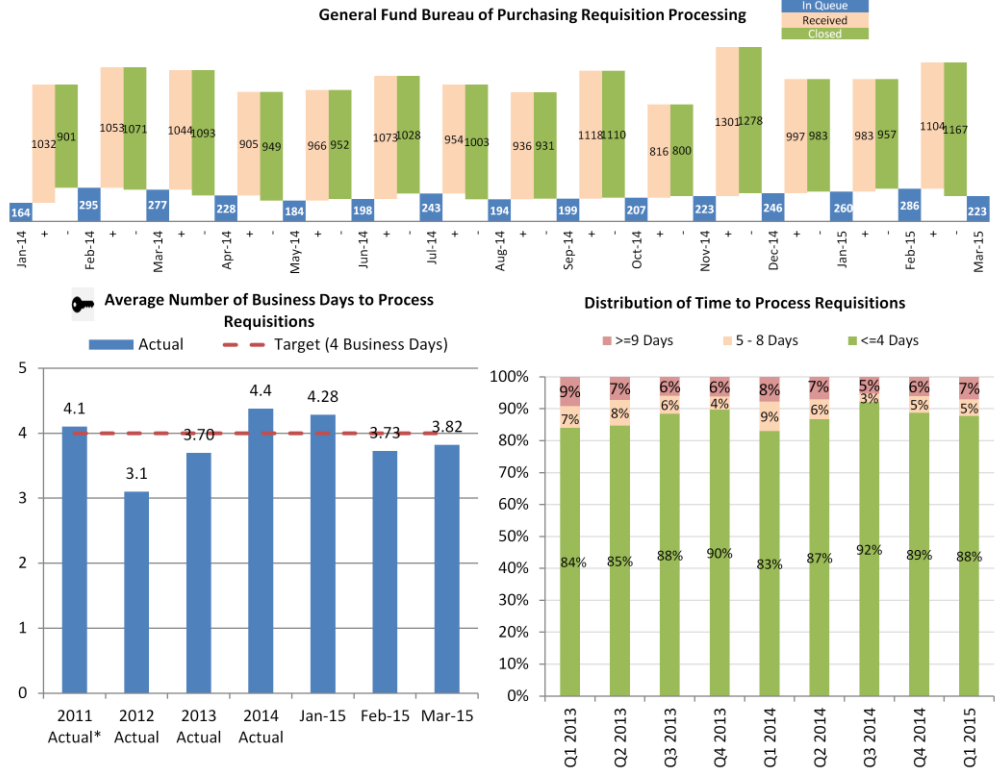
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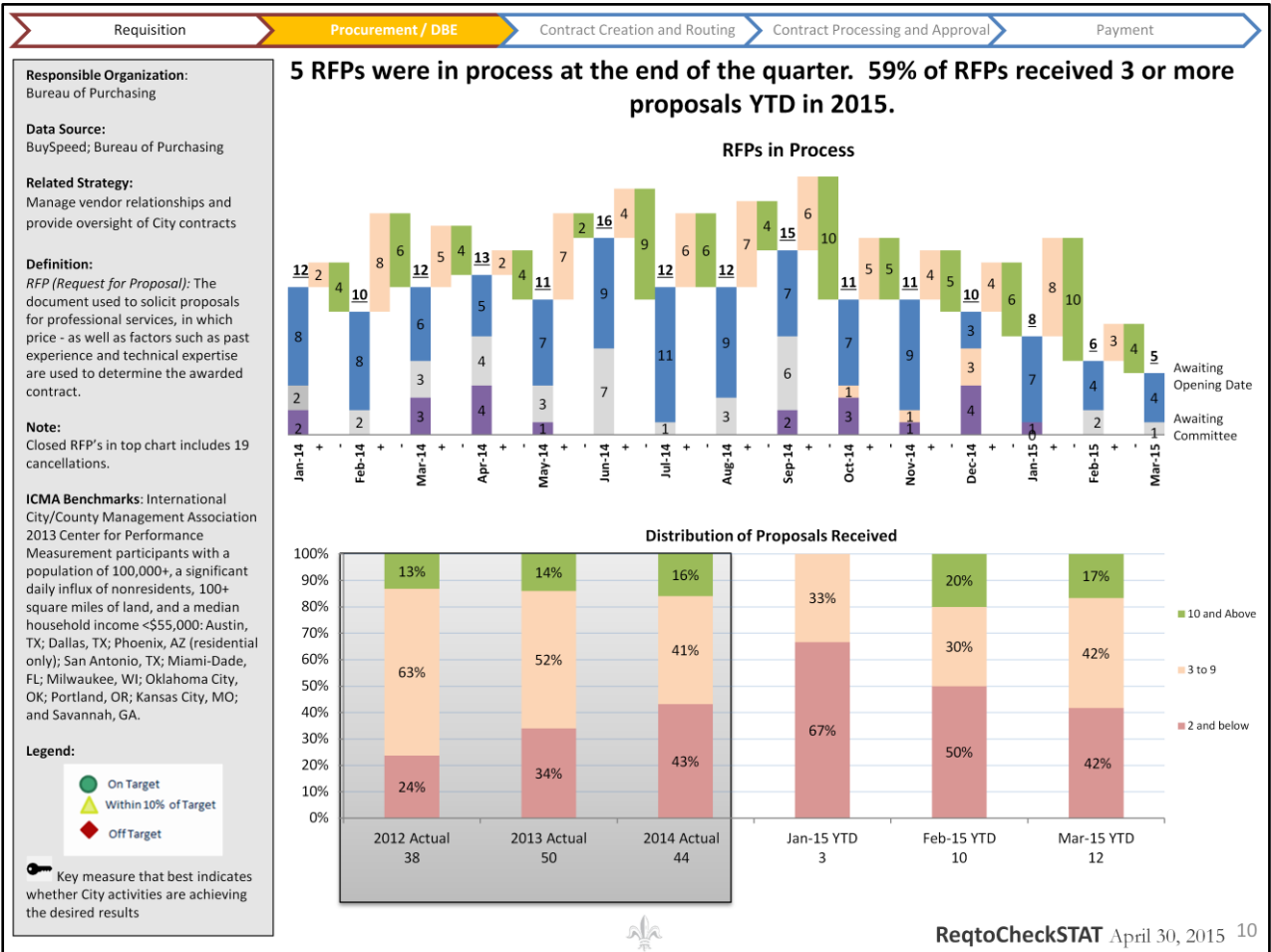
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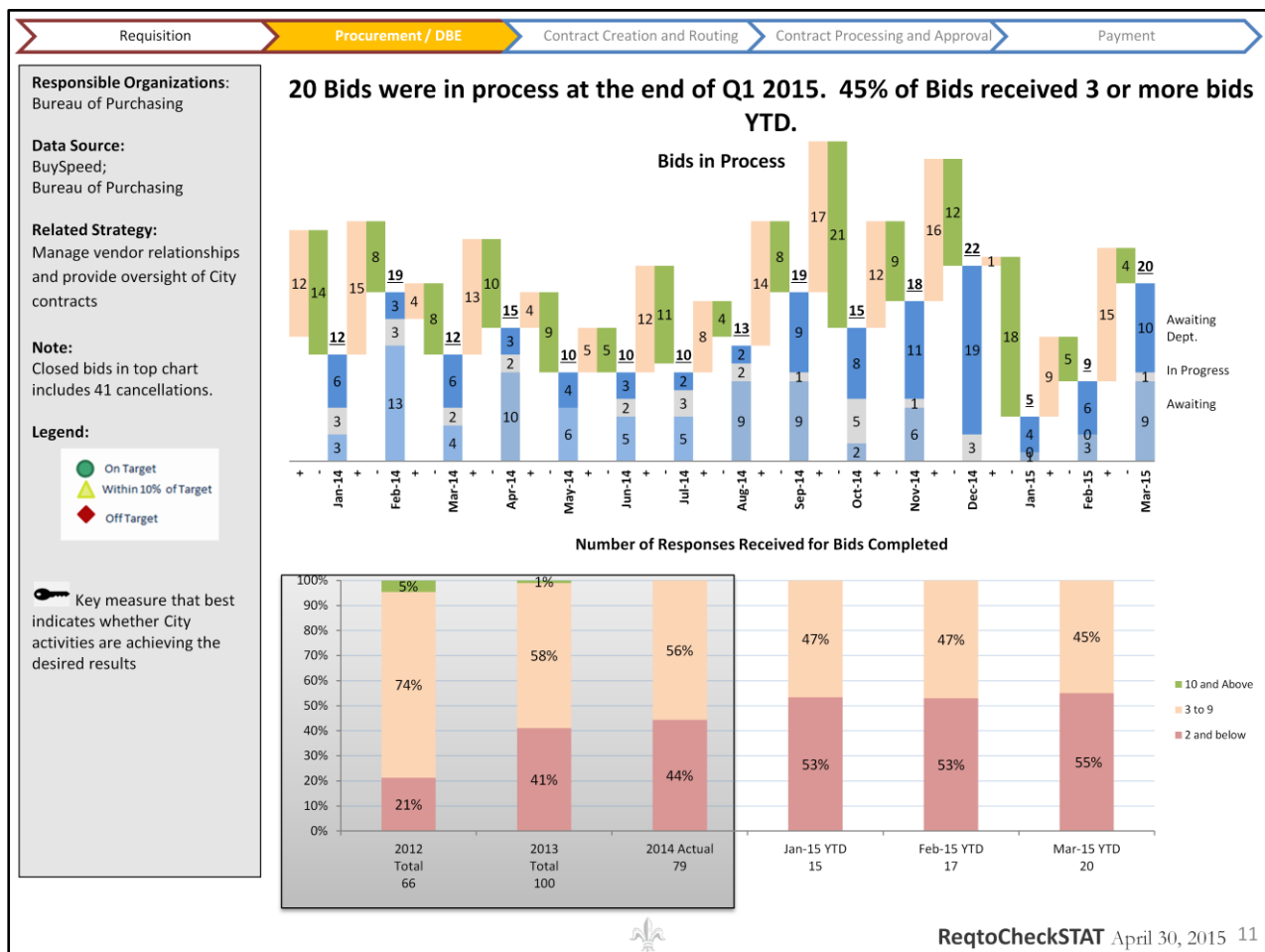
Purchase Order (PO): A written authority issued by the City to a vendor indicating the agreed price and quantities for goods and services.

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 queue was at 223. 88% of requisitions were converted to purchase orders within four business days YTD in 2015.







Purchasing will look into similarities between bids and RFPs that did not attract many bids or proposals to try to improve competitiveness

Responsible Organization:
Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD)

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

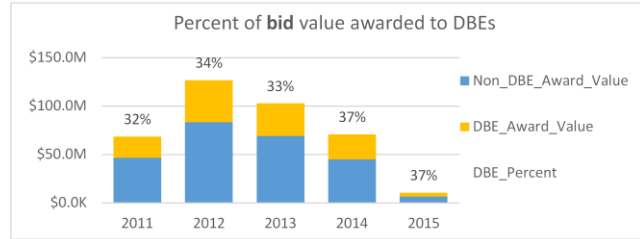
Related Strategy:
Promote an environment of equal opportunity for a diverse supplier pool

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.

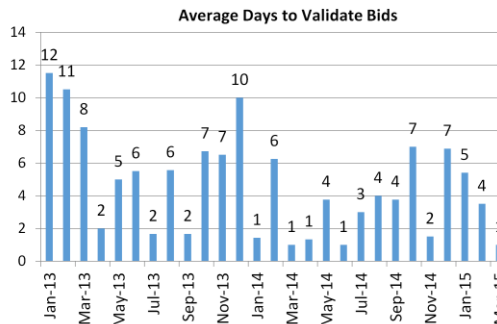
Note:
Data excludes bids for which DBE contracting requirements have been waived; also currently excludes Aviation Board.

YTD, vendors have committed 37% of bid contract value to DBE's.

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	\$ 10,663,899.33	\$ 3,979,480.60	\$ 6,684,419.08	37%



Bids 2013 – YTD 2015

Status	Bid
Cancelled/Re-bid	20
Ineligible (Under \$15K)	
Not Tracked by OSD	1
TBD: Other	3
TBD: Requirements Contract	13
Validated	90
Waiver	49
Total	176



Responsible Organization:
Office of Supplier Diversity;
Bureau of Purchasing

Data Sources:
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Bureau of Purchasing;
Office of Supplier Diversity

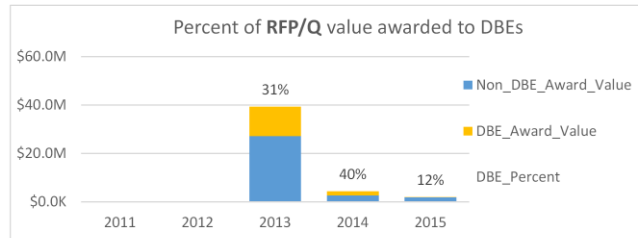
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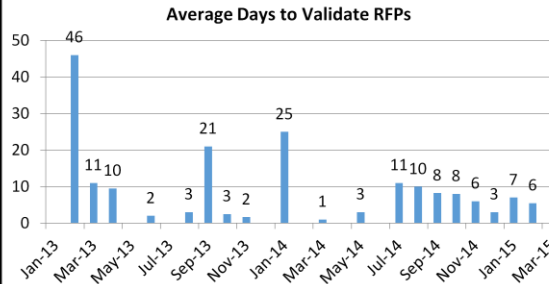
Notes:
Data excludes proposals for which DBE contracting requirements have been waived; also excludes Aviation Board, as well as any RFP under \$15K.

YTD, vendors have committed 12% of the value of contracts requiring and RFP to DBE's.

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%



RFPs 2013- YTD 2015

Status	RFP/Q
Cancelled/Re-bid	9
Ineligible (Under \$15K)	7
Not Tracked by OSD	
TBD: Other	3
TBD: Requirements Contrac	10
Validated	34
Waiver	23
Total	86

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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		3.94	> 4	
Percent of Bids and RFPs with 3 or More Responses	56%		50%	> 70%	
Percent of City Contract Value Awarded to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	37%		33%	>35%	



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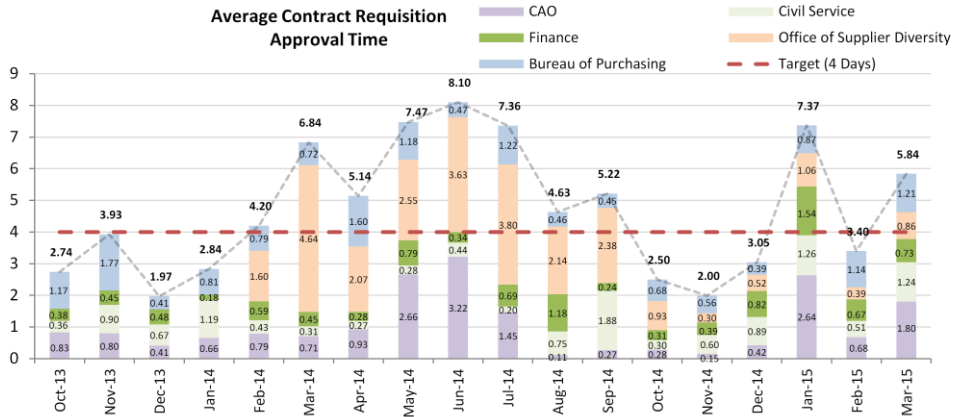
Responsible Organizations:
Chief Administrative Office (CAO);
Civil Service;
Finance Department;
Office of Supplier Diversity;
Bureau of Purchasing

Data Source:
Electronic Contract Management
System (ECMS)

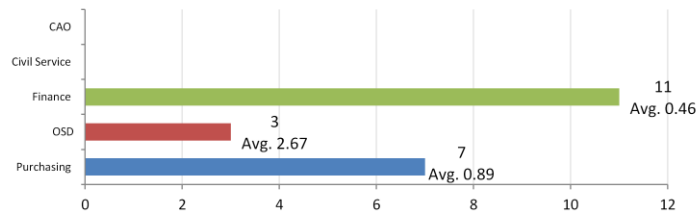
Related Strategy:
Manage vendor relationships and
provide oversight of City contracts

Definition:
Contract: Agreement between
two parties with legal and moral
binding, usually exchanging goods
or services for money or other
considerations.

At 5.3 days on average for the quarter, Q1 2015's contract requisition approval was less timely than most other quarters. 21 contracts were in queue, with an average age of 0.9 days awaiting the next approver.



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*;

Data Source:
 Electronic Contract Management System (ECMS)

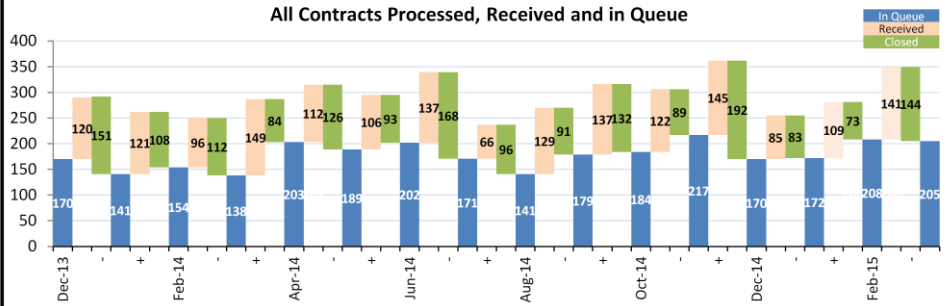
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Note:
 A small number of contracts are executed by City Council, and some are delegated by the Mayor to be signed by the CAO or by the Director of Property Management.

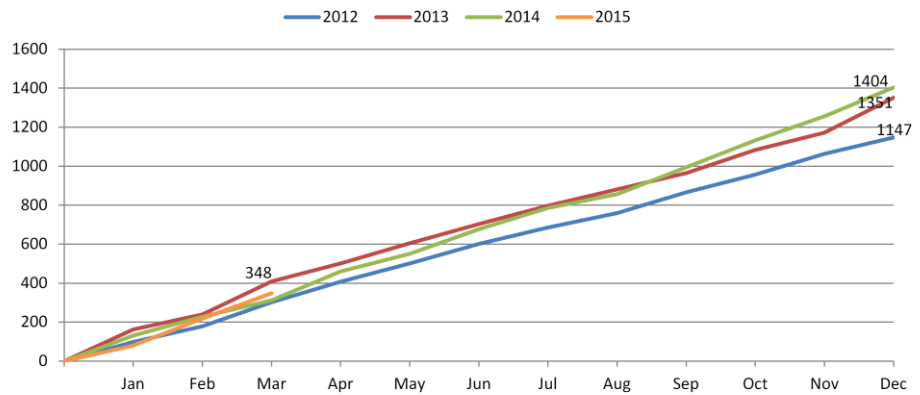
Closed contracts denote any contract that has been signed or cancelled during the month.

The number of contracts in queue at the end of Q1 2015 was at 205.

All Contracts Processed, Received and in Queue



Cumulative contracts submitted for approval - by Year



Responsible Organizations:

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

Data Source:

Electronic Contract Management System (ECMS); Law Department

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Note:

"Returned" contracts are those that were sent back for revisions at any point during the contract process.

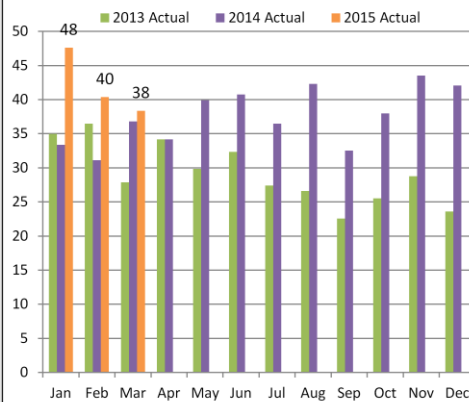
Executive signature queue includes contracts awaiting execution by Executive Counsel, City Council, the CAO, or Property Management.

"Final Law Approval" denotes when Law's contract manager approves in ECMS to signify that a contract is being brought down to the Mayor, Council or delegated authority to be signed.

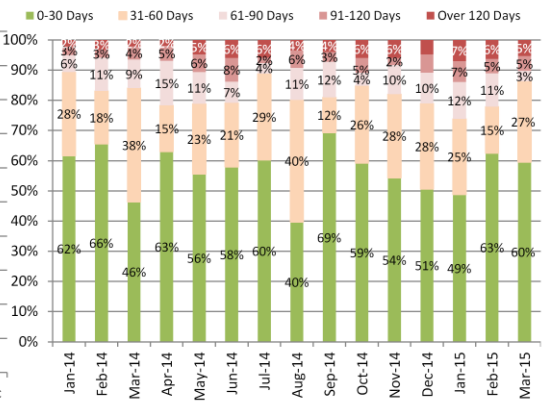
1 outlier was excluded in December 2014.

The average age of contracts in the queue trended down in Q1 2015.

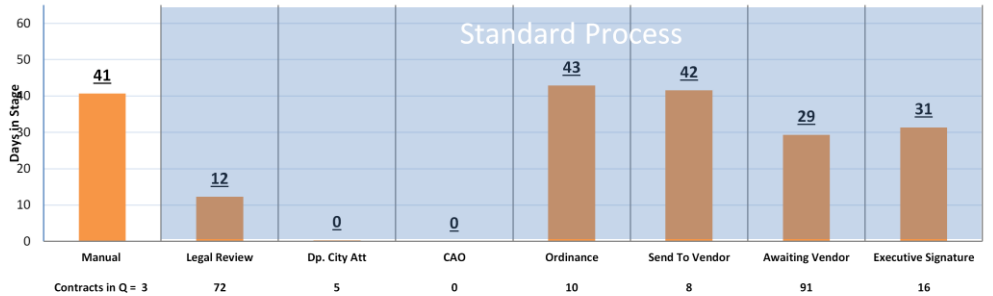
Average Age of Contracts In Queue



Distribution of Contracts in Queue



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



Responsible Organizations:
Law Department;
Department/agency requesting contract

Data Source:
Electronic Contract Management System (ECMS)

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

Note:
Per policy memorandum 122R, each department/agency is responsible for reaching out to the vendor to obtain their signature after the law department sends the initial notification.

There were 91 contracts awaiting vendor signature at the end of Q1 2015, and 16 awaiting final signature.

Contracts Awaiting Vendor Signature

Contracts Awaiting Vendor as of end of Q1 2015		
Department	Average Days in Stage	# of Contracts
Wisner	114	1
NOLA Patrol	113	1
AVIATION	62	14
DISASTER CDBG UNIT	61	3
MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD	60	2
BLIGHT & REVITALIZATION	57	1
OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	40	3
NEW ORLEANS BUILDING CORPORATION	36	1
HOMELAND SECURITY	35	7
HUMAN SERVICES	34	1
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION	30	3
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	27	2
POLICE DEPARTMENT	20	6
FINANCE	16	1
PUBLIC WORKS	14	23
FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	13	2
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	13	2
LAW	13	5
CAPITAL PROJECT	8	4
CIVIL SERVICE	6	2
NORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT	6	1
Livable Claiborne Communities Initiative	6	1
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	6	1
CITY PLANNING	4	1
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	1	1
HUMAN RESOURCES	1	2
Grand Total	29.3	91

Contracts Awaiting Final Signature

Contracts Awaiting Final Signature		
Row Labels	# of Contracts	Average Days in Stage
CAO	1	23.0
Council	3	22.8
Executive Counsel	10	17.9
Property Mgmt	2	116.0
Grand Total	16	31.4



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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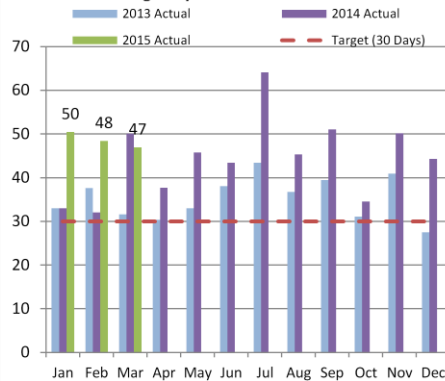
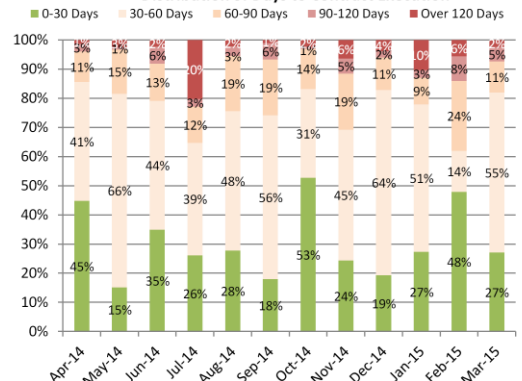
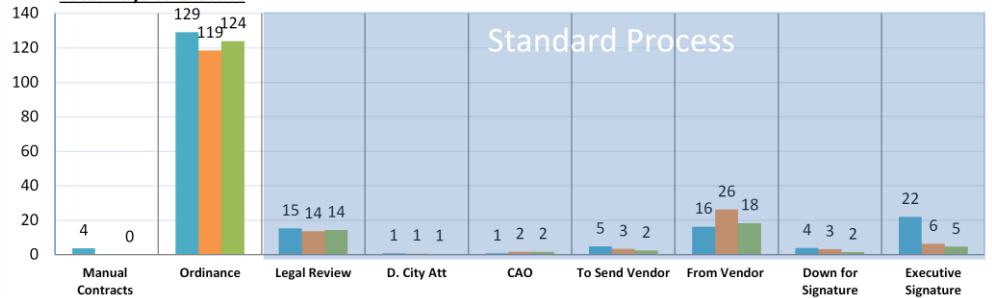
Legal review time includes all the
processing time for contracts that
were returned at any stage.

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

"Awaiting vendor" time not
captured for contracts not returned
directly to the law department from
vendor, and is reported by Law.

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

The average days to execute was 47 days in Q1 2015. However, when excluding contracts requiring a City Council Ordinance, the average was at 42.8 days.

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

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Procurement /
DBE

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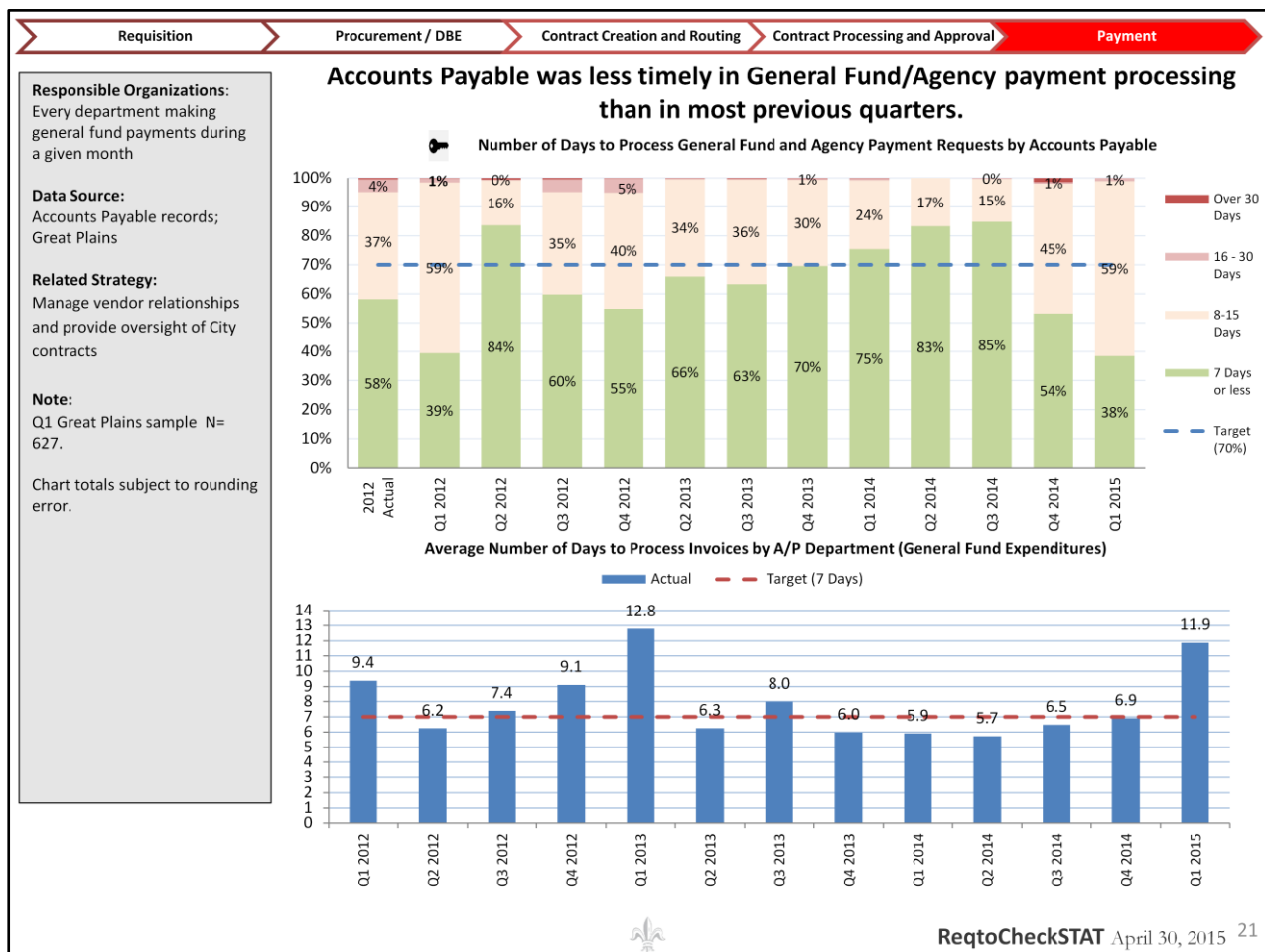
Payment

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	95.7%		91.6%	< 80%	



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Accounts Payable noted that the downturn in processing times is largely explained by losing one of the three staffers who process payments for the City.

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

Data Source:
Accounts Payable records;
Great Plains

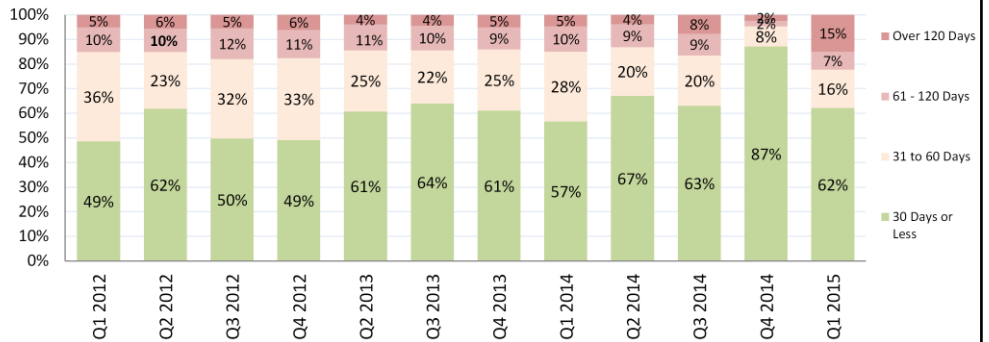
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Note:
Q1 Great Plains sample N= 627.

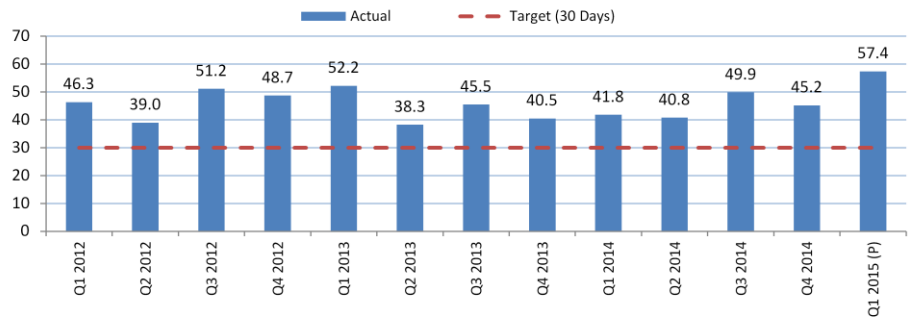
Chart totals subject to rounding
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Overall timeliness to pay General Fund/Agency payments in Q1 2015 was slower compared to previous quarters.

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

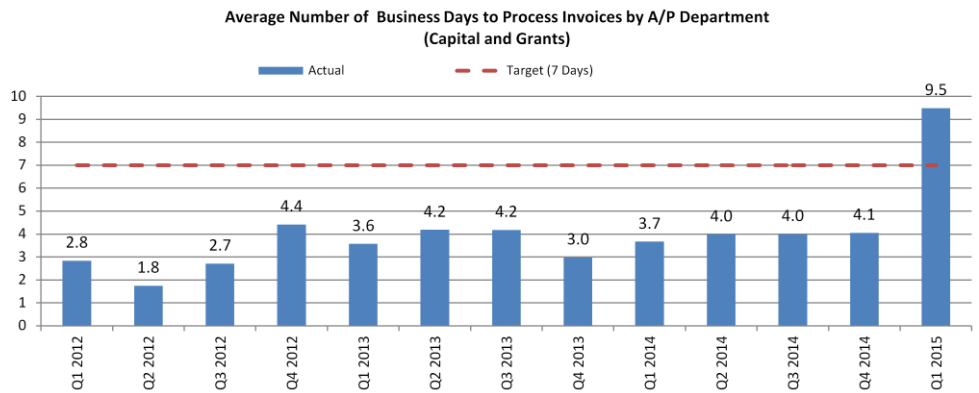
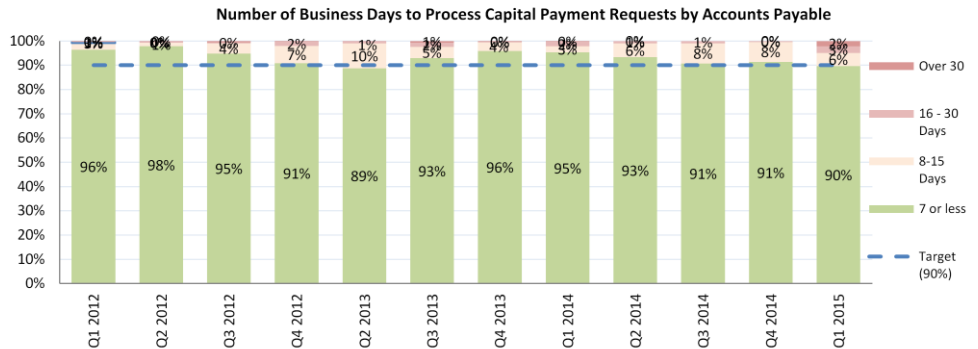
Data Source:
Accounts Payable records; AFIN

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

Note:
Q1 2015 sample N=327.

Chart totals subject to rounding error.

Accounts Payable was above its target percent of capital and grant payments processed within 7 business days.



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

Data Source:
Accounts Payable records;
AFIN

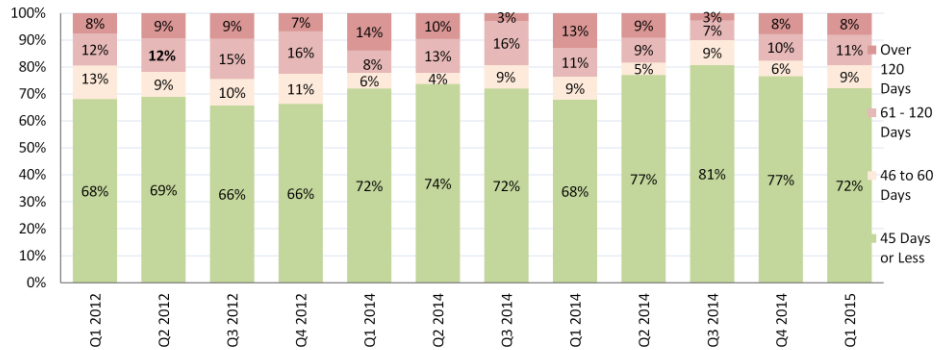
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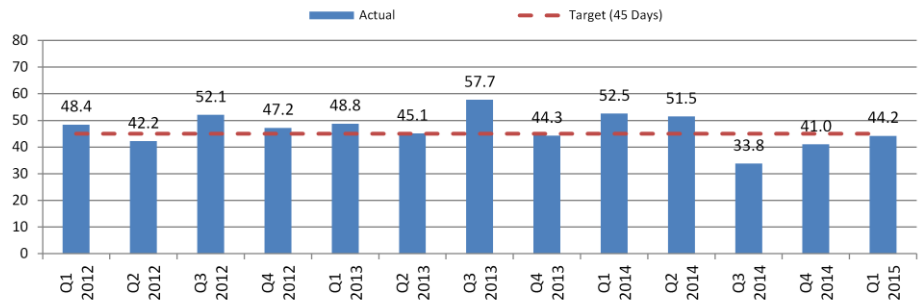
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Overall timeliness on Capital/Grant payment processing was on target.

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:

Asterisks denote that a department made a small number of payments during this period.

"Other Departments" denote those with less than 2 general fund payments per month.

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).

Q1 Great Plains sample is preliminary with March numbers not finalized. N= 422.

Chart totals subject to rounding error.

Q1 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 1st Quarter 2015
- By Department/Agency**

Row Labels	Q1 2015		Q1 2014	Q1 2013
	Average Days From Invoice to Check	# of Sampled Payments	Days From Invoice to Check	Days From Invoice to Check
Code Enforcement	96	12	N/A	43.0
CAPITAL PROJECTS	91	16	43.3	27.2
Law Dept.	91	20	44.7	24.2
ITI	82	21	50.1	42.1
NORDC	81	27	46.1	57.3
CAO	81	8	63.5	77.9
OCDC	80	7	35.7	52.7
Homeland Security	76	19	22.8	33.1
AVIATION	74	96	36.6	38.5
Property Mgmt	71	23	33.5	27.2
EMS	65	8	22.3	38.9
Mosquito Board	64	14	23.1	29.0
Library	64	50	39.1	32.3
HDLC	63	7	16.4	17.8
Police	56	20	36.5	42.0
Mayor's Office - Core	55	23	32.0	44.1
Health	53	12	24.0	31.8
COUNCIL	49	18	28.3	24.3
Sanitation	47	13	25.9	41.1
Treasury	46	6	N/A	N/A
Youth Study Center	46	13	40.3	66.2
Fire Dept.	45	8	63.5	27.4
Public Works	45	24	20.0	22.5
Mayor's Office - Other	37	14	35.6	33.7
EMD	32	39	52.9	54.7
Safety & Permits	31	9	14.6	19.4
CORONER	30	7	11.4	25.0
Parks & Parkways	29	18	25.0	28.9
Revenue	25	9	28.5	70.7
CITY PLANNING	20	7	26.5	16.7
Police Secondary Emp	0	14	1.4	N/A
Other Departments	30	45	42.5	25.7
Grand Total	58.6	627	37.2	34.3



Responsible Organizations:

Every department making capital or grant payments during a given month

Data Source:

Accounts Payable records;
AFIN

Related Strategy:

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"Other Departments" denote those with less than 1 capital payment per month.

Each "payment" represents one check, which may constitute more than one invoice, in the case of multiple invoices being sent to a particular vendor by a particular department.

Q1 2015 sample is preliminary, with February and March numbers not finalized. N=268.

Chart totals subject to rounding error.

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 1st Quarter 2015
- By Department/Agency**

Department	Q1 2015		Q1 2014	Q1 2013
	Average Days from Invoice to Check	Count of check #	Average Days from Invoice to Check	Average Days from Invoice to Check
OCD	40.6	77	31.1	58.3
Health	25.6	75	35.6	32.4
Public Works	64.0	69	54.4	71.5
Capital Projects	51.8	37	90.4	52.5
Homeland Security	35.2	17	29.2	34.1
Mayor	17.9	14	49.6	37.5
Property Management	19.0	13	52.7	30.5
Code Enforcement	141.7	7		
Other Departments	63.6	12	33.7	317.3
Grand Total	44.2	327	52.5	57.6



Responsible Organizations:
Office of Community
Development

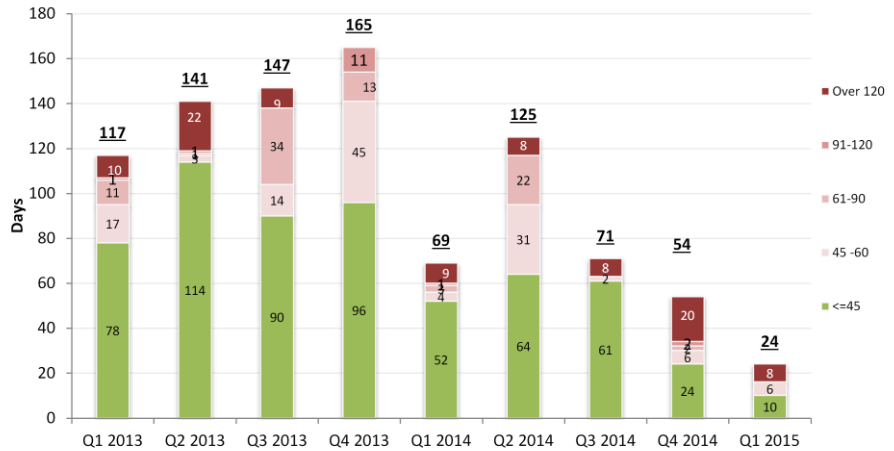
Data Source:
Office of Community
Development

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

The majority of invoices in process with the Office of Community Development had been in process less than 60 days.

OCD Invoices in the Pipeline

OCD: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline



Responsible Organizations:
Capital Projects

Data Source:
Capital Projects

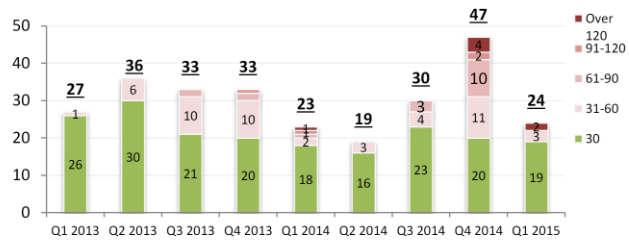
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The majority of Capital Projects invoices were in process for less than 60 days.

Capital Projects Invoices in the Pipeline

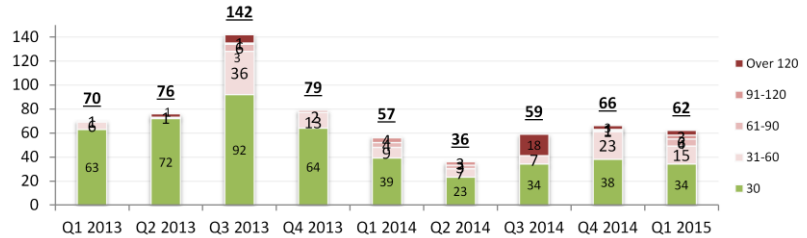
Revolver

Capital Revolver: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline



City

Capital City: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline



Responsible Organizations:
Department of Public Works

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Department of Public Works

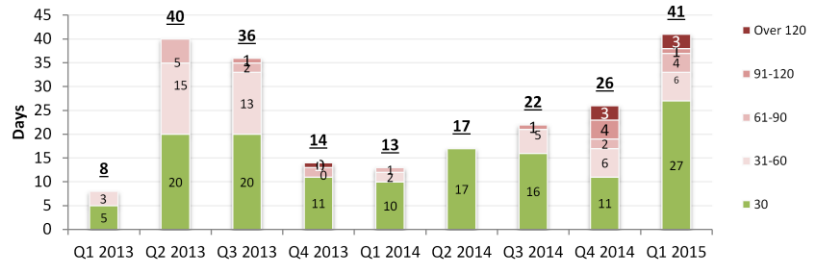
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Most of Public Works' invoices were in process for less than 60 days.

DPW Invoices in the Pipeline

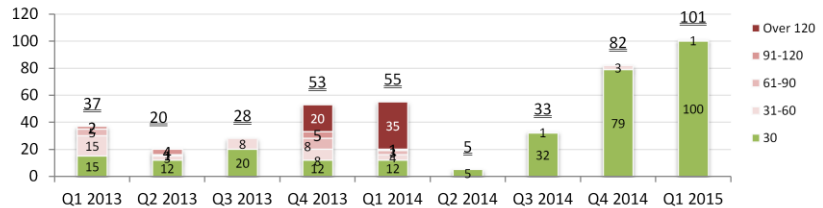
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DPW Revolver: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline



City

DPW City: Aging of Invoices in the Pipeline







Requisition

Procurement

Contract Creation
and RoutingContract
Processing and
Approval

Payment

The Check: Accounts Payable

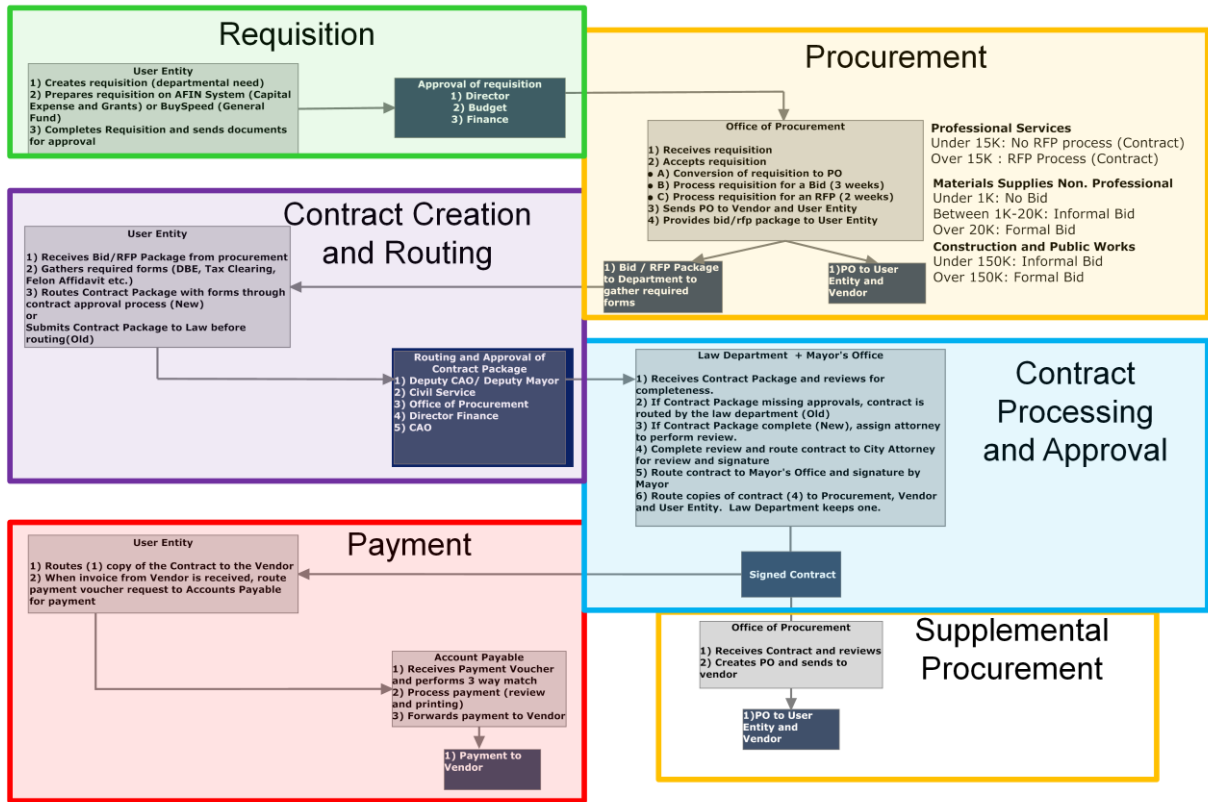
KPI	2014		2015		Status
	Actual	Target Met?	Actual	Target	
Percent of General Fund payments processed within 7 business days of being received by Accounts Payable	75%		38%	70%	
Percent of Capital/Grant Fund payments processed within 7 business days of being received by Accounts Payable	94%		90%	90%	



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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?

