

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

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<b>What is eMMA?</b>	eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (“eMMA”) replaces the eMM (Periscope) solution, and is a direct result of Governor Hogan’s 2016 Commission to Modernize State Procurement led by Lt. Governor Rutherford.
<b>What are the benefits of using eMMA?</b>	eMMA is designed to benefit all users, including State and local officials, procurement professionals, suppliers, government leaders, and citizens through increased transparency, enhanced eCommerce functionality, and advanced analytical reporting tools.
<b>How do I access eMMA?</b>	<p>There are two ways to access eMMA depending on your email address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If you have an email address that ends with “@<a href="mailto:maryland.gov">maryland.gov</a>”, you will access eMMA via the <a href="https://connect.md.gov">connect.md.gov</a> secure portal (aka, SecureAuth or Single Sign-on). You will find a link to the eMMA system on that platform when you log into your account (for G Suite or HUB Training). <i>(The password is the same as your computer and email log on.)</i></b></li> <li>• <b>If you do not have an “@<a href="mailto:maryland.gov">maryland.gov</a>” email address, you will access eMMA with a username and password just like you did for eMM. Please visit <a href="https://procurement.maryland.gov">procurement.maryland.gov</a> and locate the link to eMMA.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Your username = your email address</li> <li>○ Your password = emma.2019! (NOTE: The system will prompt you to change your password during your first login)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>What are the password requirements for eMMA?</b>	<p>NOTE: This only applies to users who do <u>not</u> access eMMA through connect.MD.gov.</p> <p>Your password must be a minimum of 12 characters in length and must contain at least one (1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uppercase letter</li> <li>• Lowercase letter</li> <li>• Special character</li> </ul>
<b>Will my eMMA session “timeout” after a period of time?</b>	<p>Remember to click “SAVE” frequently as you work in eMMA. Your eMMA session will timeout after 15 minutes of inactivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you logged in via <a href="https://procurement.maryland.gov">procurement.maryland.gov</a>, return to that site and log-in with your username and password.</li> <li>• If you logged in via <a href="https://connect.md.gov">connect.md.gov</a>, return to that site and click the eMMA logo.</li> </ul>
<b>Who can I contact with questions.</b>	You can reach us at <a href="mailto:emma.helpdesk@maryland.gov">emma.helpdesk@maryland.gov</a> .

**TECHNICAL QUESTIONS**

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<p><b>What commodity codes are used in eMMA?</b></p>	<p>The eMMA system uses the <b>United Nations Standard Product and Services Codes</b> (UNSPSC) structure which is a more universally accepted commodity code structure. The <b>NIGP</b> codes used in eMM have been mapped to the <b>UNSPSC</b> codes; if your commodity code is not found in eMMA, please contact your Agency eMMA Administrator or <a href="mailto:emma.helpdesk@maryland.gov">emma.helpdesk@maryland.gov</a>.</p> <p>You can learn more about UNSPSC codes by visiting <a href="http://www.unspsc.org">www.unspsc.org</a> .</p>
<p><b>How do I ensure Small Procurement Cat 1 and Small Procurement Cat 2&amp;3 Solicitations are public?</b></p>	<p>Solicitations under <b>Small Procurement Cat 1</b> and <b>Small Procurement Cat 2&amp;3</b> are not <u>automatically</u> defaulted to be available on the public portal.</p> <p>To make the solicitation available on the public portal, please follow these steps when creating the new solicitation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navigate to “Prepare Solicitation” tab and click the “Setup” sub-tab (left navigation).</li> <li>2. Click “Advanced Options” and put a checkmark in “Solicitation Visible to Public”.</li> <li>3. Click Save.</li> <li>4. Enter the public visibility dates in the appropriate fields. NOTE: These dates will default based on the <b>Open Date</b>, and Archive Date will be set for seven (7) years from the <b>Due/Close</b> date.</li> </ol> <p>NOTE: If your solicitation is already open, you will need to create an Amendment, follow the steps above, and re-publish your solicitation.</p>