

# Business Affairs Implementation Collaboratives

Procurement and Strategic Sourcing Cohort Launching November 2018

## What is an Implementation Collaborative?

The Business Affairs Forum is excited to launch **Implementation Collaboratives**, a new service designed to provide practical advice on “work in the moment” and professional networking opportunities for senior finance and administration leaders.

Our first collaborative will focus on **procurement and strategic sourcing**. We will investigate issues and research interests for institutions’ senior-most procurement and strategic sourcing officers.

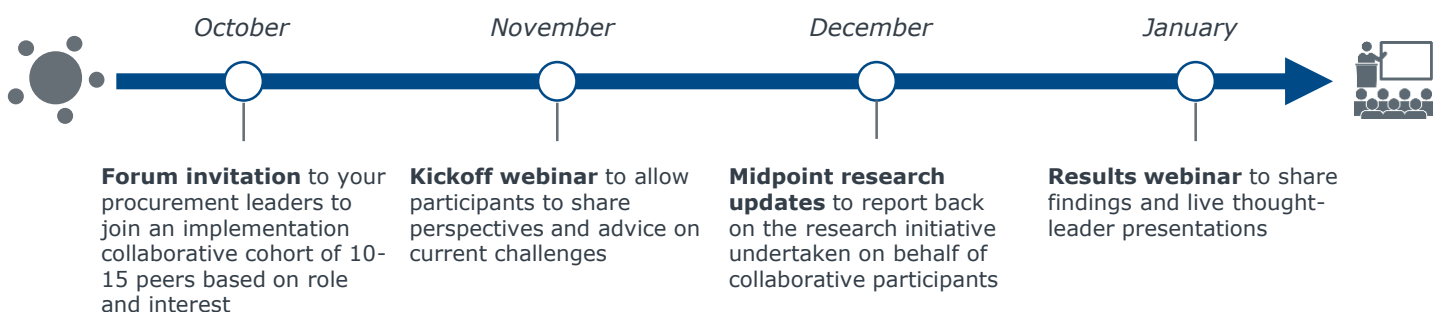
## How Do They Differ from State System or Association Groups?

Members told us that existing peer groups are good at identifying shared problems, but lack resources to follow through on research. Listservs are great for flash-polling, but aren’t as convenient for rich conversations. Our Implementation Collaboratives try to address both shortcomings. We first shoulder the burden of convening peer groups and facilitating focused conversation. Then, Forum researchers investigate common challenges and share best practices, data, and implementation resources with the groups.

## What Does Participation Look Like?

Implementation Collaboratives consist of 3-4 cohorts of up to 15 procurement heads. Each cohort meets virtually to share perspectives and advice and scope a two-month EAB research initiative on shared issues. The time commitment is minimal. We ask that you participate in a kickoff webinar and a results webinar, with the option (but not the obligation) to join research interviews.

## Implementation Collaborative Timeline



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## What Is the ROI for Institutional Leaders?

- Fast-cycle report on procurement strategies for CBO and Procurement leader
- Targeted, virtual peer networking with minimal time commitment
- Opportunity to expand peer networks nationally
- National recognition for innovative procurement and strategic sourcing practices

## Who from My Institution Can Participate?

The ideal participant is your institution's senior-most procurement and strategic sourcing leader. This may be a Chief Procurement Officer, Director of Procurement, Strategic Sourcing Officer, or a similar position.

## When Do the Collaboratives Start, and How Can I Sign Up?

The procurement collaborative will launch in November, and additional collaboratives will launch in 2019 based on member demand. Please contact your Strategic Leader for current registration information.

## Will There Be Collaboratives for Other Functions?

Yes, across 2018-19 the Business Affairs Forum will introduce implementation collaboratives across other finance and administration functional areas.

## Potential Future Implementation Collaborative Functional Areas

