**State of Maryland** 

## **Interagency Commission on School Construction**

**Business Management System** 

**Invoice/Reimbursement Request** 

**Process User Guide** 



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# **Invoice/Reimbursement Request Process**

### **Purpose of Process**

To request payment of awarded school construction project funds.

### **Starting the Process**

To start this process, you must find the specific project in the project list. To find the project, click on the projects tab, and then start typing the name of the project. The application will recognize the first few letters that have been typed and will shorten the list to help you find the project easily.



Once you are within that project, please use these steps to start the process.

- 1. In the left side Project Menu, select the "Processes" tab.
- 2. In the "Project Processes" home screen, click on the "Start process" button which is situated in the top right corner of the page.

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- 3. Once you have clicked the "Start process" button, you will be presented with a list of processes that you have access to start or submit.
- 4. Choose the process by clicking on the name.

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5. You will then be presented with the initial step of the process. This will include lengthy instructions on filling out the request.

#### Initial Submission Layout

You will be required to choose the correct contract in which you are hoping to invoice against. Please follow the instructions printed below, as well as in the start step to do this. You are only tasked with choosing the contract; the IAC will fill in the rest of the information. Invoice/Reimbursement Request (INV)

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#### **Adding Payment Documentation**

1. Once you have initially submitted the process, it will go through a decision point. This part of the request workflow will be based upon what type of invoice it is (either Direct payment to contractor, or Reimbursement to LEA). Depending on the invoice type, the request will be routed to the correct layout so the data fields that you will see will be specific to the invoice type. At this point, the request will still be in your court, and you will need to fill out the remaining information for the "Invoice Request". The next step will not automatically appear for you. You will have to go back to your home screen and reopen the process.

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2. Fill in all information in the second step, paying special attention to all required data fields. There will also be full instructions on adding extra supporting documents to the request.

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3. Now that you have completed the request and filled in all required information, you can submit the request for review. To submit the request, you will have to use the "Take Action" dropdown option which is different from the initial request submission. This can be found in the top right corner of the screen. Choose the "Submitted" option from the dropdown, and then click the "Take Action" button.

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### **Process Workflow**



### **Workflow Steps**

- 1. **Start:** Requested by the LEA Facilities Planner. The LEA Facilities Planner will choose whether the request is either a direct payment, or reimbursement. They will then choose the contract that they are requesting the invoice for, and then add any other required information.
- 2. **Payment Type:** This is a decision step that does not require action. The application, depending on the payment type, will route the process accordingly.IAC Planner

#### **Direct Payment Path**

- 3. **Direct Payment Documentation:** Once the application directs the initiator to this step. They will input all of the payment information as well as the Contractor/Vendor invoice.
- 4. **Local Payment Only:** This is a decision step that does not require action. The application, depending on whether the request is "Local Payment Only" or not, the application will route the process accordingly.

#### Direct Payment/State Only, or State and Local Payment Path

- 5. **Finance Admin Review:** The IAC Finance Admin will then be able to review all information for completeness. If there are any questions, or if there is anything more needed, then the Finance Admin will be able to send the request back to you for updates. The Admin will be forced to put in a reason why the request is sent back to you.
- **6. Finance Assistant:** The IAC Finance Assistant will review for completeness, and add all payment information into the accounting software.
- 7. **IAC CFO Review:** The IAC CFO will review all information, and if approved, will approve the release of the payment.
- 8. **Cover Letter Creation**: This is an automated step that creates the Invoice/Reimbursement cover letter and combines it with the existing provided documents.
- 9. **IAC Release to GAD:** The IAC Finance Assistant will review the information, and then confirm the release of the payment transmittal.
- 10. **GAD Release:** The IAC Finance Assistant will use this step to enter the GAD release date for reference, and then send the process to its end point. You will be able to follow this process through each of these steps during the process and once it is complete. However, you will be notified that the process is complete, and that the invoice has been approved.

#### **Reimbursement Path**

- 11. **Reimbursement to LEA Documentation:** In this step the IAC Finance Admin will check the request for completeness. If there are any questions, or if any more information is needed, then the request will be routed back to you with a comment explaining what is needed.
- 12. Local Payment Only: This is a decision step that does not require action. The application, depending on whether the request is "Local Payment Only" or not, the application will route the process accordingly.
- 13. **Finance Admin Confirms Local Payment:** The IAC Finance Admin will verify that the local payment has been paid, and then push request to Finish, notifying the process initiator of the results.