Amazon Integrated Search Added To HokieMart

Procurement is pleased to announce a new Amazon Integrated Search feature in HokieMart! The integrated search is a tool that allows you to search real time for products in Amazon, without ever opening the Amazon punchout. This feature was rolled out in late September and has some additional features added in the latest HokieMart upgrade.

To utilize the search feature, simply type the description of an item in the simple search bar on the top of the HokieMart home page. HokieMart will return results for items under that description for all hosted catalogs. Users should switch the tab over to “External Marketplace Results” in order to view the results returned specially for Amazon. The following information is displayed for each item:

- Description of Item
- Vendor Name (Amazon.com)
- Part Number
- Delivery Lead Time *users can turn this on with an additional filter
- Price
- An "Order From Supplier" button that will jump you right in to the punchout for easy access to order!

Amazon is currently the only punchout vendor that can be searched using this tool. In the future, we expect to see other punchout vendors adopting this search technology, providing campus with an easy way to search and compare products among multiple vendors at a time, without ever leaving the HokieMart site!

Click here for step-by-step screenshots on how to utilize this tool!
The Procurement department recently solicited a bid for Graphic Design, Illustration and Typesetting Services for Virginia Tech and other colleges within the Commonwealth. We were seeking to meet communication objectives on a variety of platforms. Our goal was to put firms under contract that could produce high-quality graphic design and illustration for use in recruitment, alumni engagement, fundraising, athletics, academic, educational publications, or other programs. We also were seeking to provide high-quality typesetting services to produce documents and publications. We received a total of sixteen proposals and after careful deliberation with the committee it was determined to award the following firms: Afton Design, Sandbox, LLC, Shelley Cline Graphic Design, Soupbone Creative and Tangible Designs.

- Afton Design specializes in creative direction, graphic design, project management and design production.
- Sandbox, LLC is a multilingual production agency that specializes with cross media graphic design, illustration and typesetting services.
- Shelley Cline Graphic Design specializes in art direct, design and produces quality publications.
- Soupbone Creative is advertising in all forms. Marketing the product and services through print design, website design, multimedia design and social media.
- Tangible Designs specialized in branding and design, marketing and promotion, creative direction, user experience, technical design skills for digital and print media.
- Becker Digital, SWAM certified, also holds a cooperative contract that Virginia Tech can utilize. They are located in Buena Vista and they provide advertising, communications, digital strategy, graphic design, marketing consulting, website design etc. services.

The Procurement Team hopes that one of these firms can benefit you and your department’s needs. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the buyer, Angela Caldwell at acaldwell@vt.edu.
DID YOU KNOW?

TimelyMD - New telehealth/tele-counseling services for Cook Counseling Center

Did you know that Procurement recently helped establish a contract for telehealth/tele-counseling services for the Cook Counseling Center and Human Resources? TimelyMD is a virtual health service provider that is offered to students at no cost. These services range from one-on-one immediate care and counseling to health coaching for well-being topics. The need for mental health counseling services has increased in recent years and Virginia Tech Procurement has done its part to help bolster the University’s resources to satisfy this need. Please contact Procurement if you have any questions regarding TimelyMD’s services.

Procurement is continuing HokieMart Requestor Training sessions in 2023! In person sessions will take place in the North End Center and Zoom options are available for those that work remotely. All sessions are held from 8:30AM – 10:30AM and dates for training are listed below:

- January 25th – in person
- February 22nd – zoom
- March 29th – in person
- April 26th – zoom
- May 31st – in person
- June 28th – zoom
- July 26th – in person
- August 30th – zoom
- September 27th – in person
- October 25th – zoom
- November 29th – in person

Register Here for In-person and via Zoom on PageUp

UPCOMING EVENTS

ABC’s of Procurement Part 1
Zoom - November 17th 2-3:30 PM
Sign Up on PageUp

ABC’s of Procurement Part 2
Zoom - December 8th 2-3:30 PM
Sign Up on PageUp

THANK YOU!

To our vendors and attendees for a successful SWaM Vendor Fair!!

We could not have done it without you!
PROCUREMENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Angela Caldwell
Years at VT: Less than 1 year
What are your main duties: Buyer

Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Sport to Play: Basketball
Favorite Team: Los Angeles Lakers

Favorite Holiday: Christmas!
Favorite Food: Sweet Potato Casserole

What do you do in your spare time: I have two toddlers so my spare time is making mud pies and playing transformers.
What are you passionate about right now: I really enjoy decorating for all holidays.

Favorite Animal: Elephants
Current Pet/s: Our English Bulldog of 10 years recently passed. His name was Bacon.

Favorite Movie: How To Loose A Guy in 10 Days
Favorite TV Show: Ozark

What accomplishment are you most proud of: My children
What amazing adventure have you had: My honeymoon in Hawaii was AMAZING. We went and sought out the entire island visiting local areas and just enjoying the picture perfect scenery.

What are you most thankful for: Family
If you had to pick one word to describe yourself what would it be: Punctual
Who is your biggest Role Model: My mother, she passed away several years back but she always found the light in every situation.

Who is your favorite celebrity: Kate Hudson
What is your idea of a perfect vacation: ALL INCLUSIVE with a tropical surrounding
Mountains or Ocean: A little bit of both to be honest. I love the ocean but there is no place like home.
Summer or Winter: Summer

Favorite Quote or saying: Make kindness the norm.
What is your favorite phone app: Etsy