

# Ramsey County Supplier Portal Instructions Supplier Contract Management (SCM) System

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#### **Approving Contract Document**

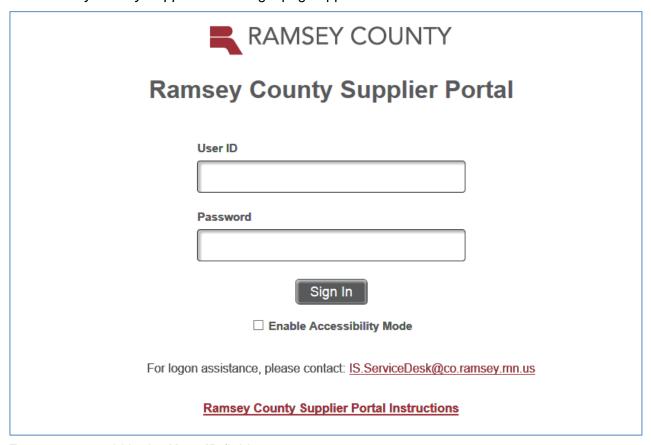
Ramsey County Professional Services Agreements ("PSA") and Client Services Agreements ("CSA") are electronically approved by both the Contractor and the appropriate Ramsey County staff. The Ramsey County Supplier Portal allows Contractors to log into the Ramsey County Supplier Contract Management System ("SCM") and electronically approve their contract.

If you have been selected to enter into a Professional or Client Services Agreement, you will receive a Notice of Intent to Award letter which includes the "Ramsey County Supplier Portal Contractor Registration Security Form". The Contractor needs to complete the form, print it, sign it, then scan it and email it to the Ramsey County Contact or mail it to the Ramsey County Contact. The Contractor shall authorize **no more** than two individual(s) who are authorized to electronically approve the contract.

Upon receipt of the Contractor Registration Security form, Ramsey County will set up a User Id and Password and email them to the authorized Contractor representatives or "Supplier Signer". When there is a PSA or CSA contract ready for electronic approval, the appropriate Supplier Signer will receive an email. There will be a link to the Ramsey County Supplier Portal in the email that you use to access the login page.

1. Click the **link** in the approval email.

The Ramsey County Supplier Portal login page appears.



- 2. Enter your user id in the **User ID** field.
- 3. Enter your password in the **Password** field.

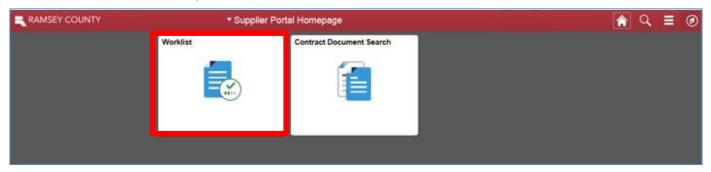


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Note: Your User ID and Password should have been sent to you in a separate email with the subject: Confirmation Email - Ramsey County Supplier Portal Log In Information. If you do not have your User ID or Password, please email IS.ServiceDesk@co.ramsey.mn.us to obtain your login credentials.

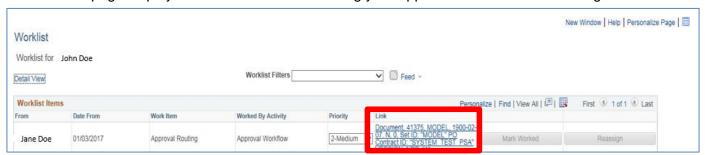
4. Click the **Sign In** button or press **Enter**.

The Supplier Portal Homepage displays.



To see the contract that requires your approval, click the Worklist tile on the left hand side of your screen.

The Worklist page displays with the document awaiting your approval listed in the Worklist grid.

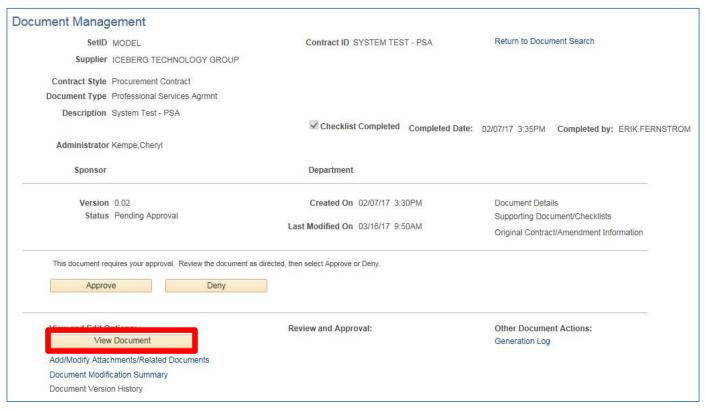


6. To open the document, click the **document link** (i.e., Document, 41375, MODEL,...).



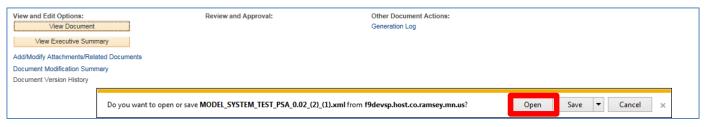
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The Document Management page for the contract displays.



7. Please review the contract before you Approve it. To view the contract, click the **View Document** button.

The File Download window displays at the bottom of your screen.



8. Click the Open button.



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The Document opens (read only) in word.

**Note:** If you are unable to open the document, please email IS.ServiceDesk@co.ramsey.mn.us for assistance.



Contract ID: SYSTEM TEST PSA

#### Professional Services Agreement

This is an Agreement between Ramsey County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, on behalf of the Finance Office, TST ("County") and ESF, TST, registered as a Corporation in the State of Minnesota ("Contractor").

#### 1. Term

1.1.

The term of this Agreement shall be from January 01, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and may not be renewed.

#### 2. Scope of Service

The County agrees to purchase, and the Contractor agrees to furnish, services described as follows:

#### 2.1.

The contractor shall provide services as follows:

A. General

Provide the full scope of financial advisory and consultant services related to meeting capital financing needs, HRA loan programs, financial market dealings, federal arbitrage, continuing disclosure and other specialized services as requested from an office in Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area.

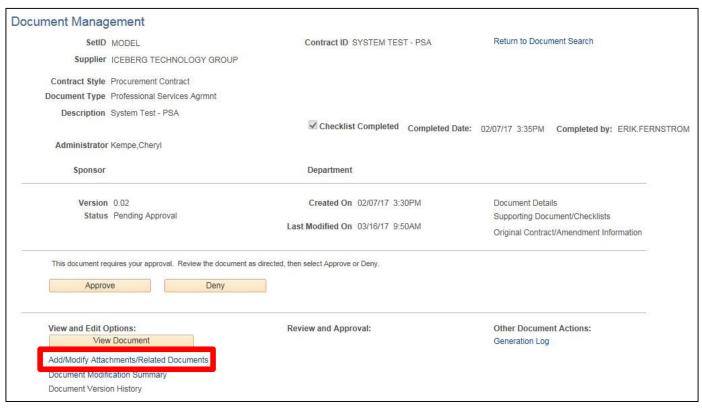
**Note:** The contract document is an example contract for training purposes.

9. When you are finished viewing the document, click the **Close** (**X**) button in the upper right corner of the screen in Microsoft Word.



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The Supplier Portal Document Management page displays again.

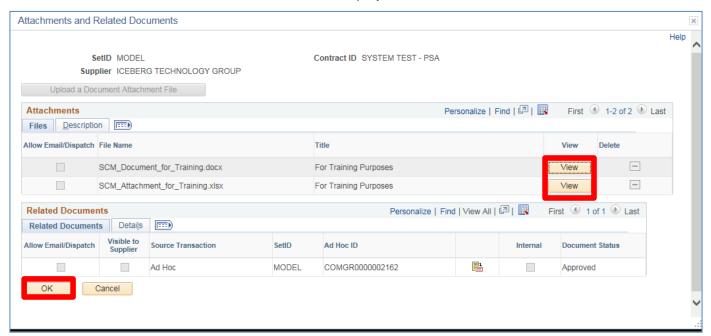


10. Click the **Add/Modify Attachments/Related Documents** link to review any documents associated with the contract.



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The Attachments and Related Documents window displays.



11. Click the **View** button for each attachment that you would like to view. The document opens in the applicable application (Word, Excel, PDF, etc.).

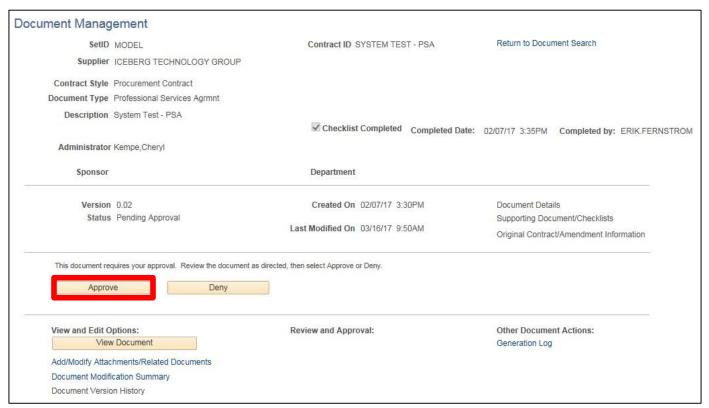
**Note**: You are only able to view the related attachments, you cannot add, delete or change attachments. The information in the **Related Document** section is internal to Ramsey County and is read only.

- 12. Click the **Close (X)** button in the upper right corner of the screen to close any opened attachments.
- 13. When you are done reviewing the related documents, click the **OK** button to return to the Document Management page.



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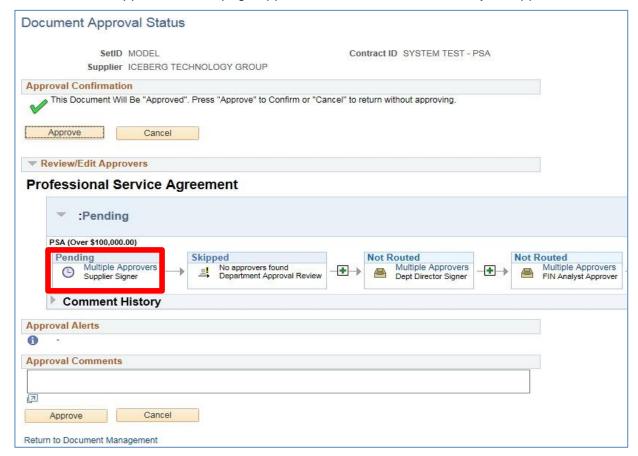
The Supplier Portal Document Management page displays again where you can either Approve or Deny the contract



14. If you want to approve the contract, click on the **Approve** button.

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The Document Approval Status page appears. You still need to confirm your approval.



**Note**: If your company has authorized two users to approve contract documents, the **Multiple Approvers** link in the Supplier Signer step is enabled. Click the link to view the two authorized users. Note that only one approver is required when the contract document is approved.

- 15. If you want to enter a comment regarding your approval, follow the steps below:
  - a. Click in the Approval Comments field.

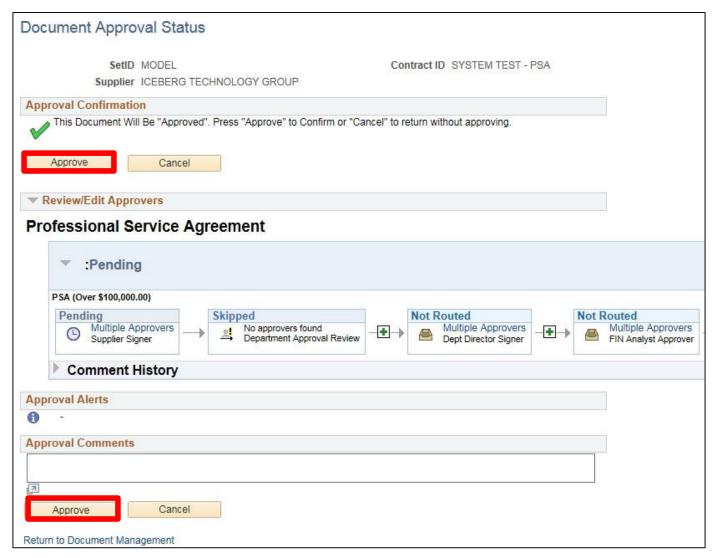


b. Type your comment.

**Note**: Your comment will be included in the approval process and available for the other approves to view.



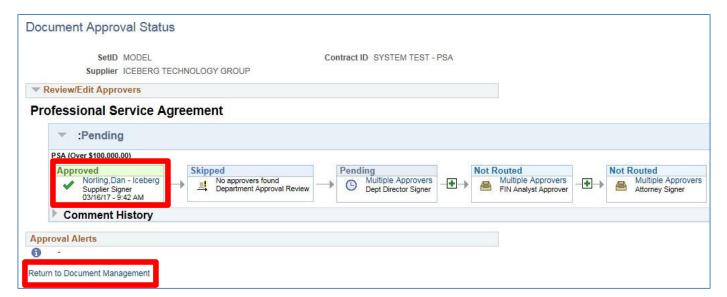
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16. Click either one of the **Approve** buttons to confirm your electronic approval of the contract.



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You have approved the contract and it has been routed to the next Approver in the process.

17. Click on the **Return to Document Management** link at the bottom of the page to return to the *Document Management* page.

**NOTE**: The Status of the contract will remain at Pending Approval until all Approvers in the chain have approved the document.



- 18. To sign out of the Supplier Portal:
  - a. Click the middle button on the ribbon located in the top right hand of your screen.
  - b. Click the Sign out link.

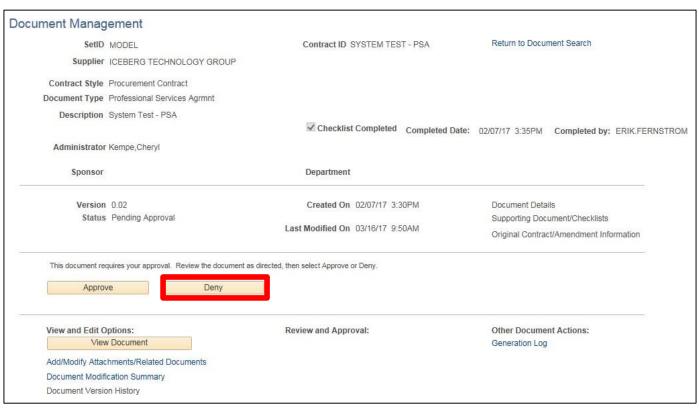
This completes the electronic approval process for Professional and Client Services Agreements.



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#### **Denying Contract Document**

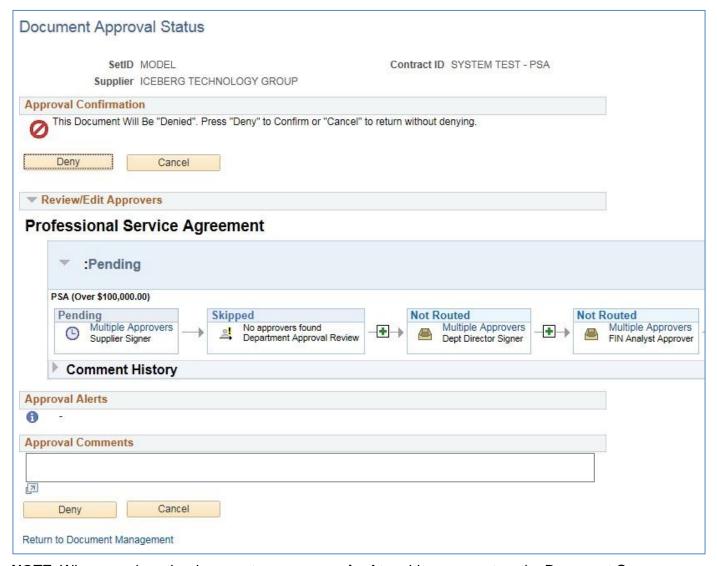
Use the steps below to deny a contract document.



1. From the *Document Management* page, click the **Deny** button.

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The Document Approval Status page displays.



**NOTE**: When you deny the document, you are **required** to add a comment so the Document Owner knows your reason for denying the document, can rectify it and restart the approval process.

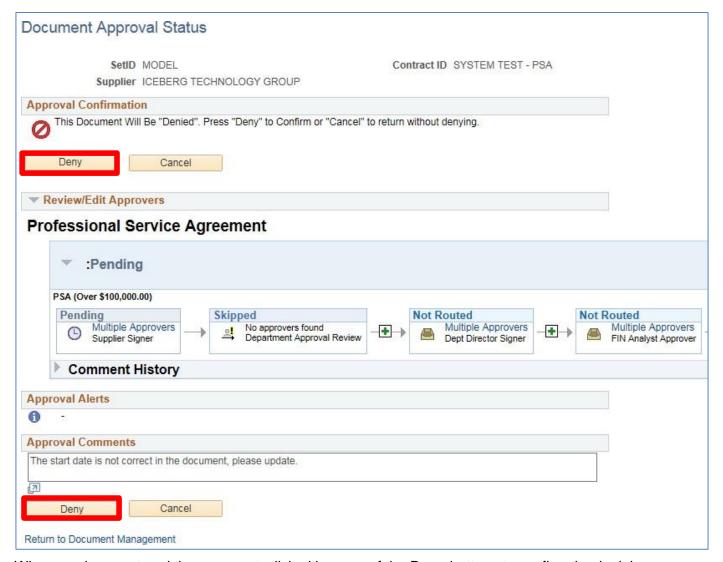
2. Click in the Approval Comments field.



3. Enter your comment.



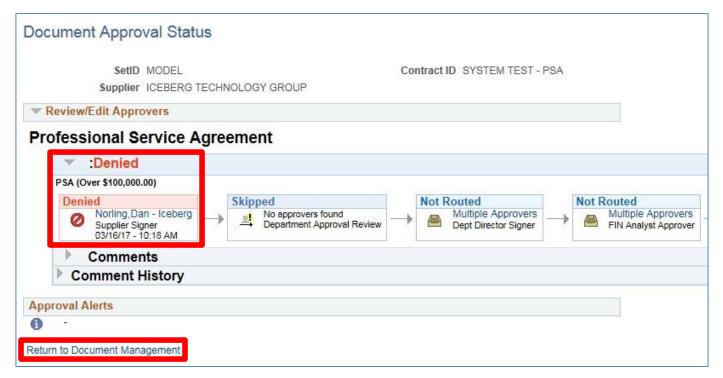
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4. When you have entered the comment, click either one of the **Deny** buttons to confirm the denial.



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The status changes to *Denied*. The Document Owner will receive an email stating that you denied the document along with your comment.

5. Click the **Return to Document Management** link at the bottom of the page to return to the *Document Management* page.



- 6. To sign out of the Supplier Portal:
  - a. Click the middle button on the ribbon located in the top right hand of your screen.
  - b. Click the **Sign out** link.

This completes the electronic denial process for Professional and Client Services Agreements.



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#### **Searching for and Viewing Contract Documents**

The Ramsey County Supplier Portal allows Supplier users to access and view contract documents. This enables users to look up and review previously executed documents as well as documents in pending approval status that are in the approval cycle.

See below for steps on how to search for and access contract documents.

1. Navigate to the Supplier Portal via the email link or by copying and pasting the following link in your browser.

https://aspensp.host.co.ramsey.mn.us

The Ramsey County Supplier Portal login page appears.



- 2. Click in the User ID field.
- 3. Type your **User ID**.

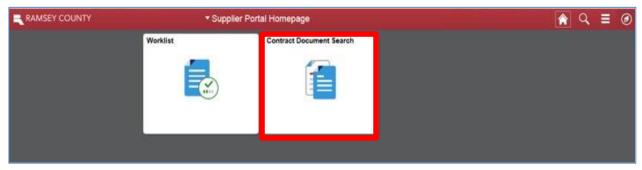
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4. Click the **Sign In** button or press **Enter**.



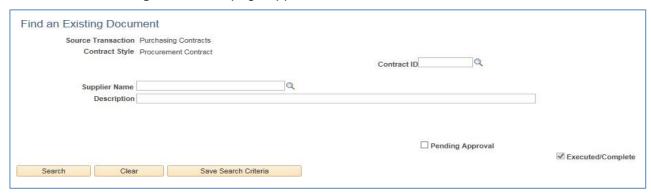
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The Supplier Portal Homepage appears.



5. To view executed/completed contracts, click on the **Contract Document Search** tile on the right hand side of your screen.

The *Find an Existing Document* page appears.



There are several search fields available. See below for information on each.

**Supplier Name** – Click the Look Up to select your company name. Useful if you are associated with multiple Suppliers in the system and want to narrow the search results.

**Description** – Free form search field using the contract description.

**Contract ID** – Click the Look Up to see a list of all your contract documents in the system.

**Note**: The contract list in the Contract ID look up contains all contract documents regardless of status. However, the system only allows you to view contract documents that are either in executed or pending approval status. If a contract is selected from the list that is not in an executed or pending approval status, the search results will not return the selected contract.

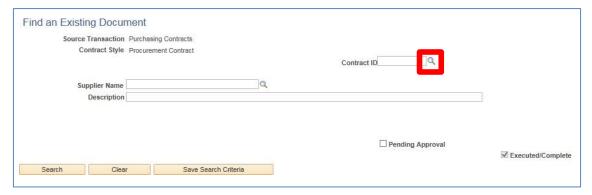
**Pending Approval** – Select this checkbox to include contract documents that are in pending approval status in the search results.

**Note**: If you click the **Search** button without entering any search criteria, all contract documents that are in executed status will display in the search results.

6. To view an Executed/Complete contract, use one of the search options. For this example, the Contract ID field is used.

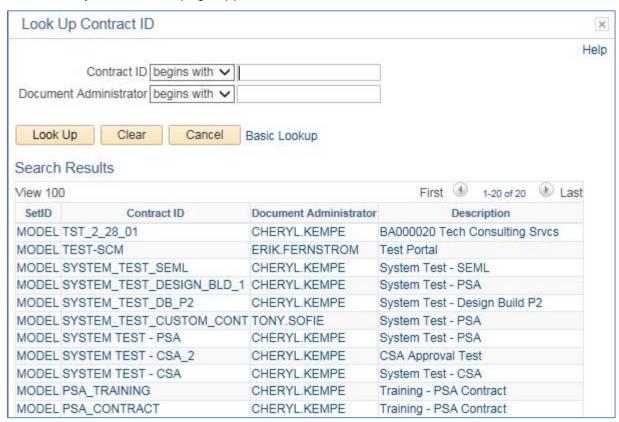


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7. Click the Look Up button in the Contract ID field.

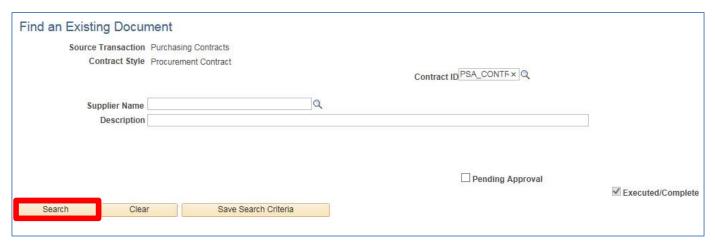
The **Look Up Contract ID** page appears.



8. Select a contract from the list. Keep in mind that the contract document must be in executed or pending approval status in order for the search to return the document.

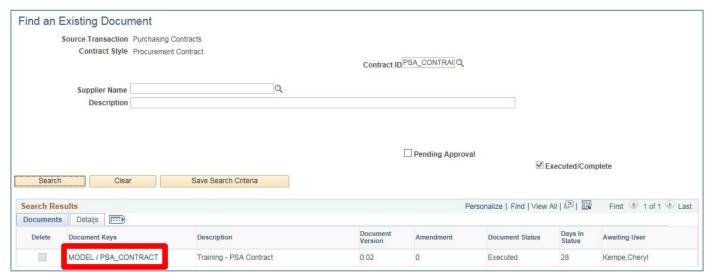


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9. The selected contract is populated in the **Contract ID** field. Click the **Search** button.

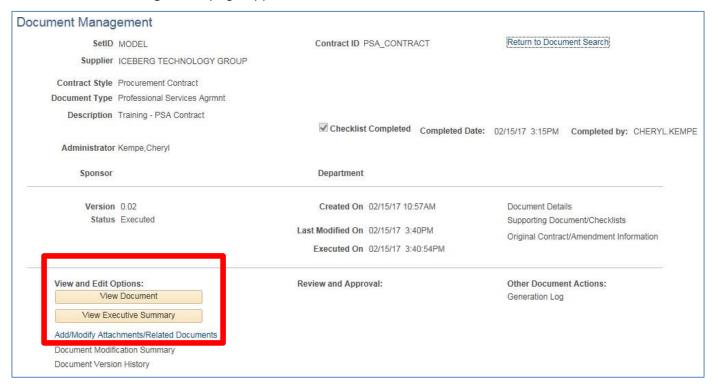
The search results display below the search buttons.



10. Click the contract link to display the document management page where you can view the contract as well as associated attachments.

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#### The **Document Management** page appears.



Several actions are available on the Document Management page:

- Click the View Document button to view the contract document in Microsoft Word.
- Click the View Executive Summary button to view the summary document related to the contract in Microsoft Word.
- Click the Add/Modify Attachments/Related Documents link to view attachments related to the contract.
- 11. Once you have viewed the contract, and/or associated documents either complete another search or sign out.
  - a. To complete another search, click the **Return to Document Search** link. The Find an Existing Document page displays and you can search for a new contract document.
  - b. To sign out of the *Supplier Portal*, click the middle button on the ribbon located in the top right hand of your screen.
  - c. Click the Sign out link.

