



STATEMENT OF NON-AVAILABILITY (SoNA)

TUTORIAL

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BLUF REGARDING SoNAs



SoNAs document that a hardware, software, and service is not available on CHESS contracts. A SoNA is not an authorization to purchase outside of CHESS

- SoNAs are a check and balance system and provide the CHESS Product
 Office with data to improve our enterprise contracts.
- Army Chief Information Officer (CIO) provides ITAS Approval to purchase outside of CHESS
- Remember- Army spends billions every year on IT Hardware and Software. We all must do our part to purchase efficiently

INTRODUCTION



- This briefing will introduce the Statement of Non-Availability (SoNA) process
- SoNAs must be created by using the CHESS IT e-mart https://chess.army.mil
- You will learn:
 - How to Verify Products are Available Through CHESS
 - How to Access the SoNA Tool
 - How to Create a SoNA
 - How to View Successfully Submitted SoNAs

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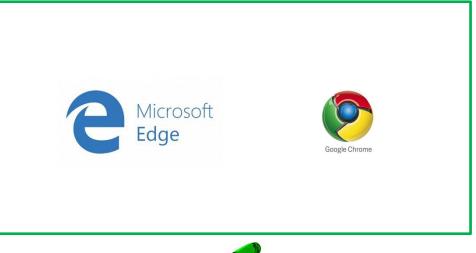
BROWSER REQUIREMENTS



PLEASE NOTE:

The SoNA process runs best in Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome.

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NOT RECOMMENDED





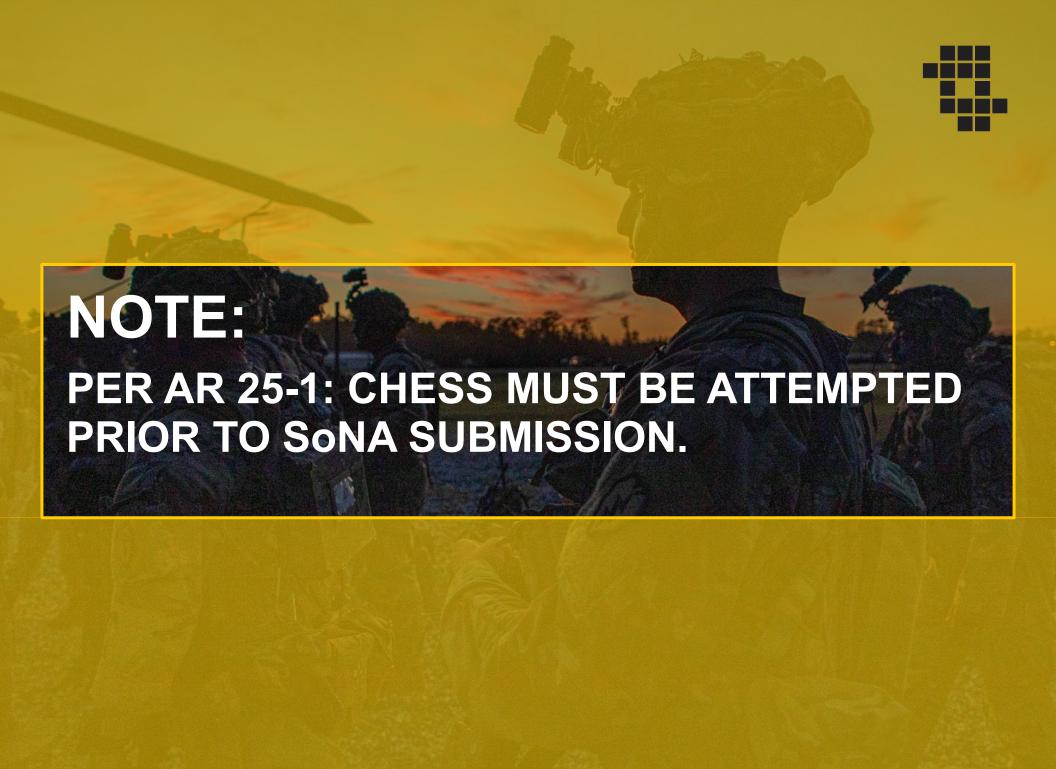






SoNA PROCESS





HOW TO VERIFY PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH CHESS



- Prior to requesting a SoNA you MUST attempt to utilize CHESS contracts.
 - CHESS supports 3 Hardware contracts, 1 Software contract, a Software Agreements page, and 1 Services contract.
- A SoNA is required for the procurement of Services outside of CHESS.
- If a product is not available from CHESS because it has not been approved for use on the Army network by the US Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM), an approved SoNA does not authorize its use on the Army network.
- For software purchases: you MUST also verify your product is not available through DoD ESI
 www.esi.mil or ELA's. This is a CHESS approved ordering method and a SoNA is NOT required.
- A SoNA cannot be processed without verification that the product is unavailable through CHESS resources.
- ADMC-3 can only sell what is listed on the Consolidated Buy page: https://chess.army.mil/ConsolidatedBuy. ALL ADMC-3 SoNAs will be rejected and redirected to the ITES-3H contract to verify a product is not available from CHESS.

NOTE ON LOWER PRICE OUTSIDE CHESS



- Before soliciting quotes outside of CHESS, you are strongly encouraged to first submit RFQs to CHESS vendors.
- If you received a CHESS quote that is higher than a non-CHESS vendor quote for product(s) available through CHESS Hardware and Software contracts:
 - Step 1: You are encouraged to go back to the CHESS vendor(s) to negotiate lower pricing or price match.
- If lower pricing or price match cannot be met by the CHESS vendor(s):
 - Step 2: Submit for a CHESS SoNA (Note: The SoNA will be rejected as CHESS does not issue Statements of Non-Availability based on lower price. The rejected SoNA can be used to obtain an ITAS Approval.)
- Lower Price Feedback Form: If you have received a lower-price quote from a non-CHESS contract
 vehicle/vendor, please complete the form (link below) and the appropriate contract manager will contact you
 within 3-5 business days. We might be able to assist with finding a better price that meets current rules and
 regulations. https://chess.army.mil/SoNA/SoNA/CreateLowerPrice

HOW TO VERIFY PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH CHESS



An RFI is strictly for market research and is NOT justification for a SoNA. Exception: if the requirement is verified as unavailable with no proposals in response to an ITES-3S RFI.

Hardware Products

 Utilize the CHESS <u>RFQ Tool</u> to send a Request For Quote (RFQ) to ADMC-3 or ITES-3H. This is required for SoNA approval.

Software Products

 Enterprise Software Agreements (ESAs) are listed on the Software Agreements page. Please click on the associated ESA link to obtain additional product(s) information, ordering guidelines and vendor POC information. Contact the vendor to verify product availability.

THEN

(Depending on your acquisition strategy, choose ITES-SW2 or DoD ESI)

 Utilize the CHESS <u>RFQ Tool</u> to send a Request For Quote (RFQ) to the ITES-SW2 vendors for product availability. This is required for SoNA approval

Or

 Visit DOD ESI at <u>www.esi.mil</u>. (CHESS honors the ESI BPA's. If products are available under these agreements a SoNA is not needed. Contact vendor directly for quote)

If product is not available, then submit for a SoNA using the "No-Bid" or "Out of Scope" responses from the RFQ.

HOW TO VERIFY PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH CHESS



Services

 Utilize the CHESS <u>RFP Tool</u> to send a Request For Proposal (RFP) to ITES-3S. This is required for SoNA approval.

If product is not available, then submit for a SoNA using the "No-Bid" or "Out of Scope" responses from the RFP.

- Important Note Regarding Information Assurance (IA) Products: Verify that your product and version is listed on the DOD Information Network Approved Product List (DODIN APL) https://aplits.disa.mil/processAPList.action
- For Information Assurance (IA) or IA enabled products not listed on the UC APL contact the CIO/G-6 Cyber Directorate Tools Management Team at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-cio-g-6.mbx.cyber-ia-tools@army.mil for additional guidance prior to requesting a CHESS SoNA.







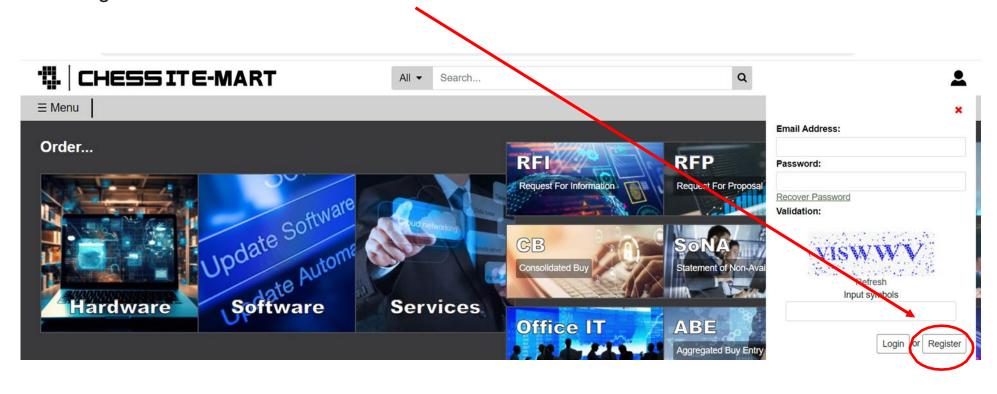
ACCESS TO SoNA TOOL



STEP 1: REGISTER



If you do not have an account with the CHESS IT e-mart you must first register in order to gain access to the SoNA Tool.



STEP 2: CREATE ACCOUNT



NOTE:

CHESS IT e-mart users should ensure their password is unique to CHESS and you do not use passwords from other systems (e.g., network, banking, email, etc.)

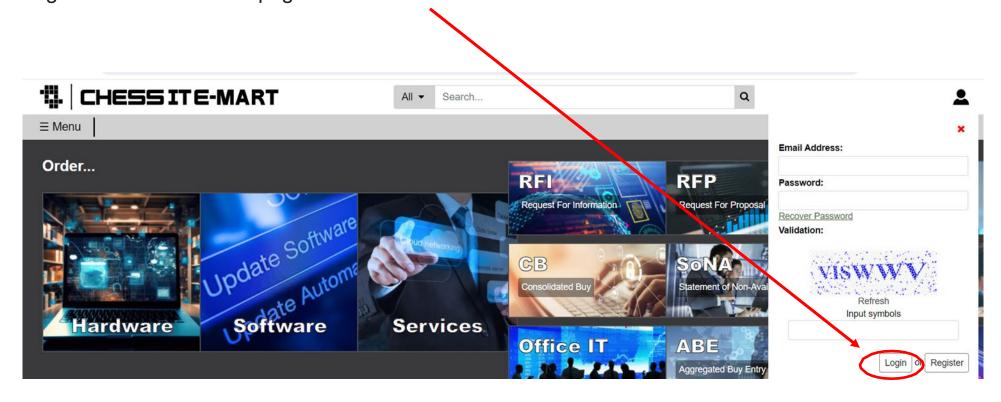
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STEP 3: LOGIN



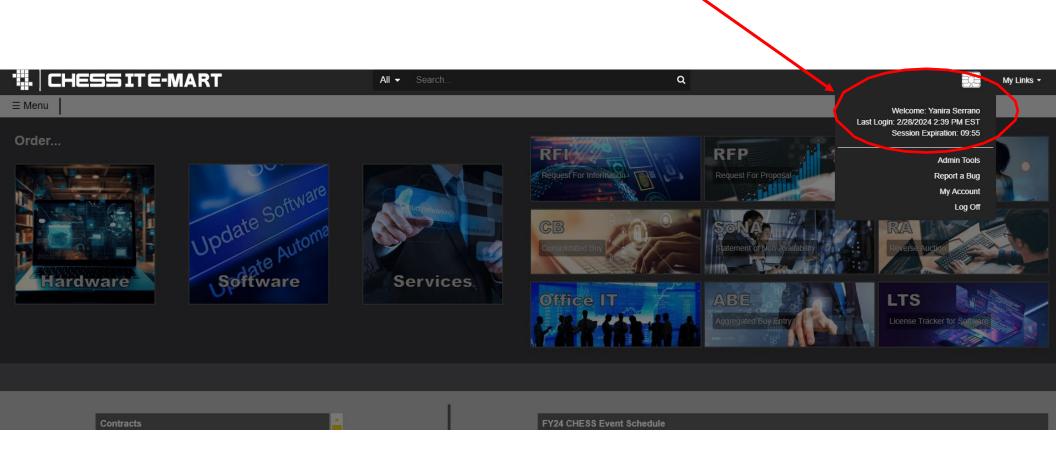
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STEP 3: LOGIN (CONT.)



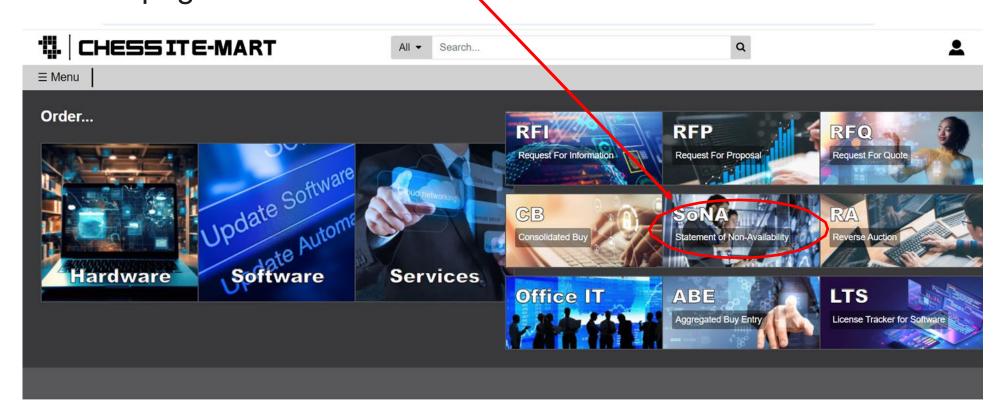
Once you are logged in, you will see your first and last name appear in the top, right corner of the IT e-mart.



STEP 4: ACCESS SoNA TOOL



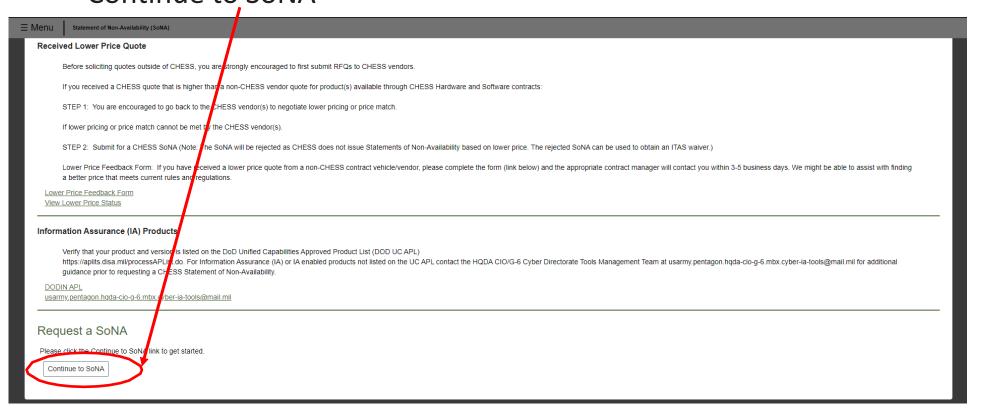
Click on "SoNA: Statement of Non-Availability" on the CHESS home page.



STEP 5: BEGIN REQUEST PROCESS



- After you have verified that the desired product is not available on a CHESS contract vehicle, you may begin the SoNA request process.
- Scroll to the bottom of the "SoNA Request" page (https://chess.army.mil/Content/Page/SONA) and click "Continue to SoNA"









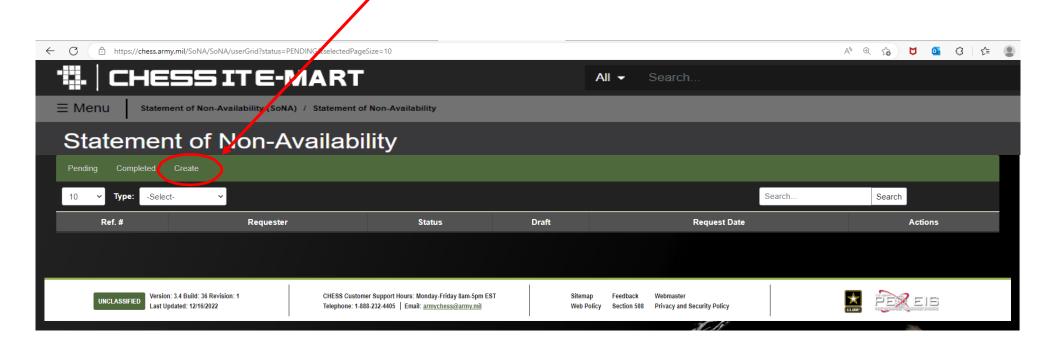
CREATING A SoNA



STEP 1: CREATE



Click on "Create" to start the SoNA process.

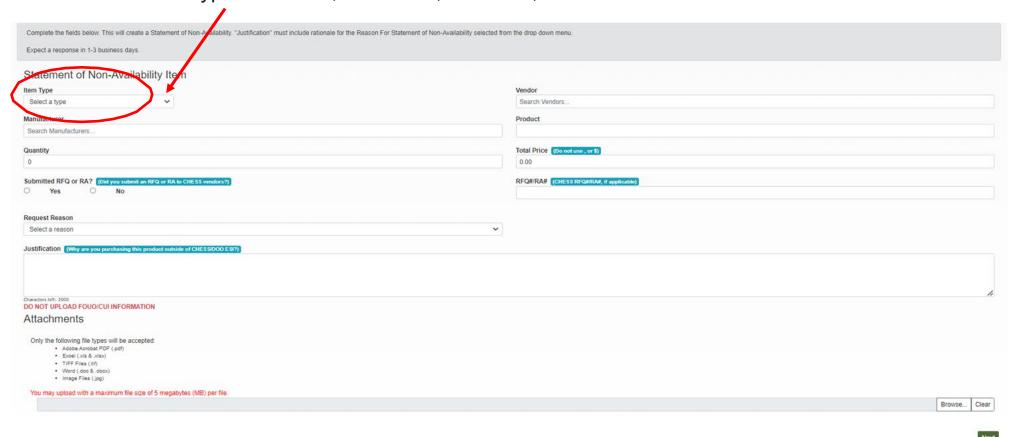


STEP 2: SELECT ITEM TYPE



From the drop-down menu:

Select an "Item Type": Bundled, Hardware, Software, or Services



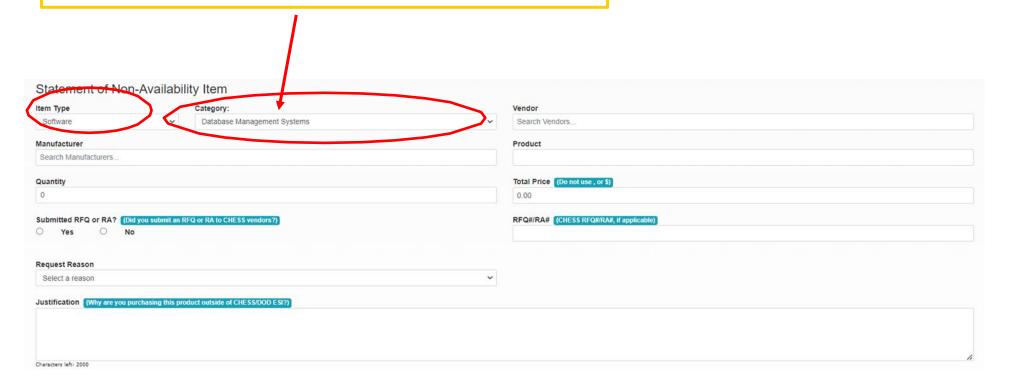
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Bundled = Multiple products from the same vendor

STEP 3: INPUT REQUESTOR INFORMATION



* When choosing Hardware or Software as an item type you must select a category in order to provide additional details.

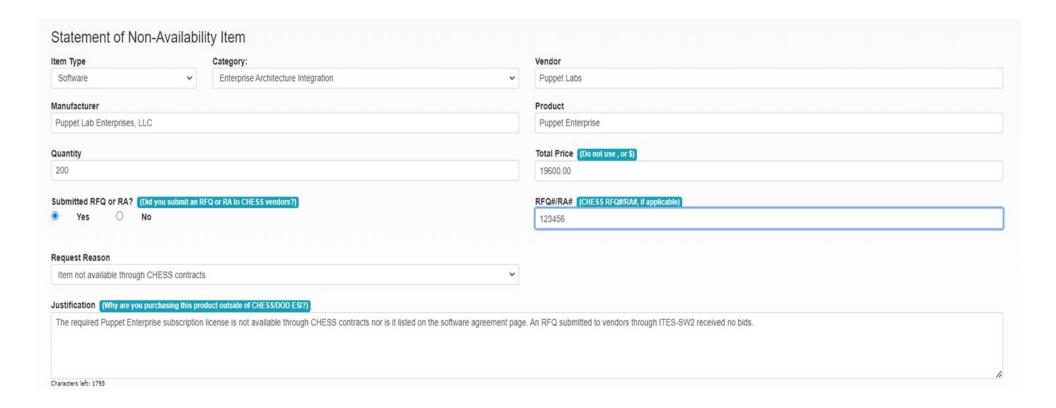


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STEP 4: INPUT REQUESTOR INFORMATION (CONT.)



Once your category is selected, input information in **ALL** the remaining data fields.



STEP 5: CREATE SoNA



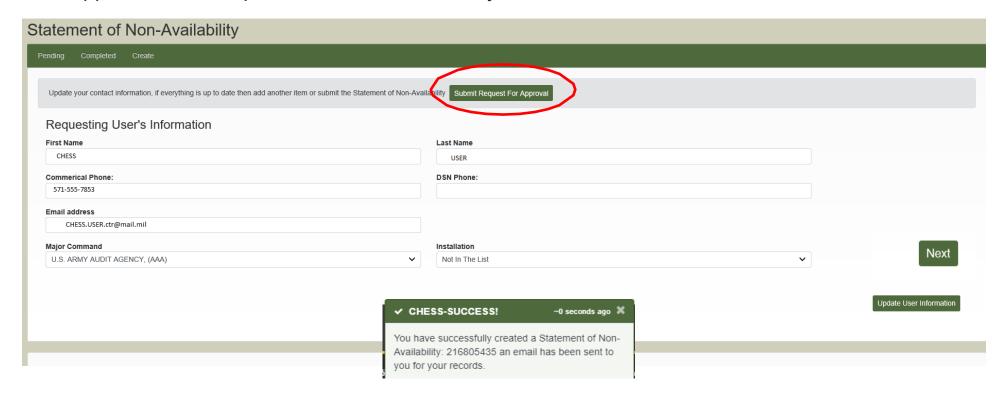
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Once the form is complete, click "Next"

STEP 6: SUBMIT SoNA SUCCESSFULLY CREATED



Once your SoNA is created you will see this screen. You must click "Submit Request For Approval" at the top of this screen to submit your SoNA!





NOTE:

Attach all supporting SoNA documentation when creating the SoNA or send all supporting SoNA documentation to armychess@army.mil Please ensure to have CHESS reference numbers listed in the subject line of any emails related to your request.





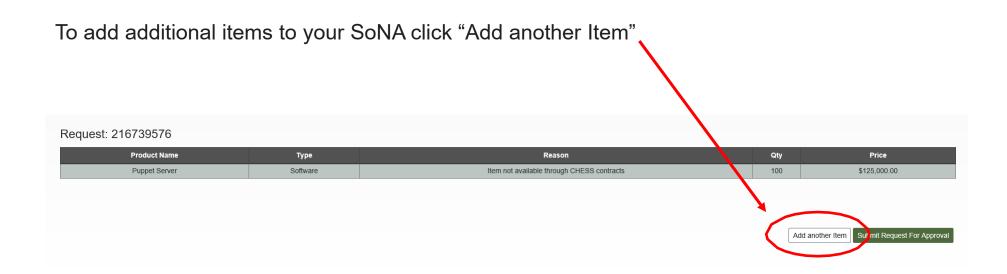


ADDING ANOTHER ITEM



STEP 1: ADDING ANOTHER ITEM



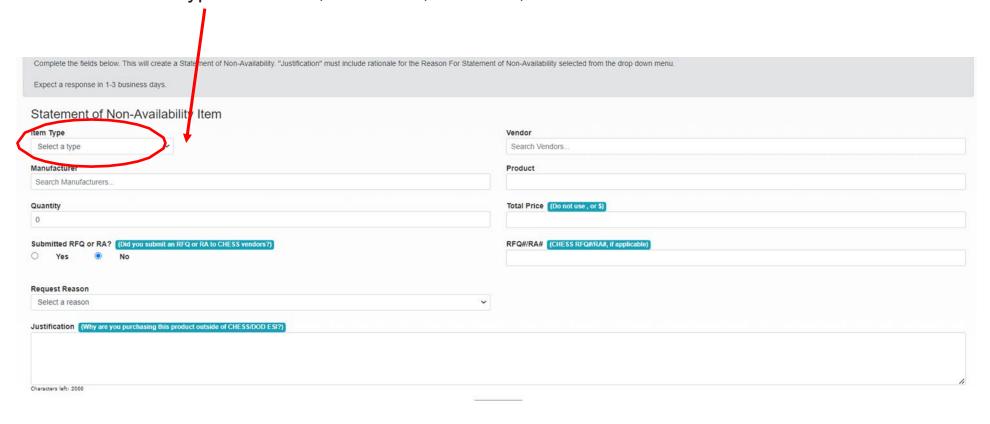


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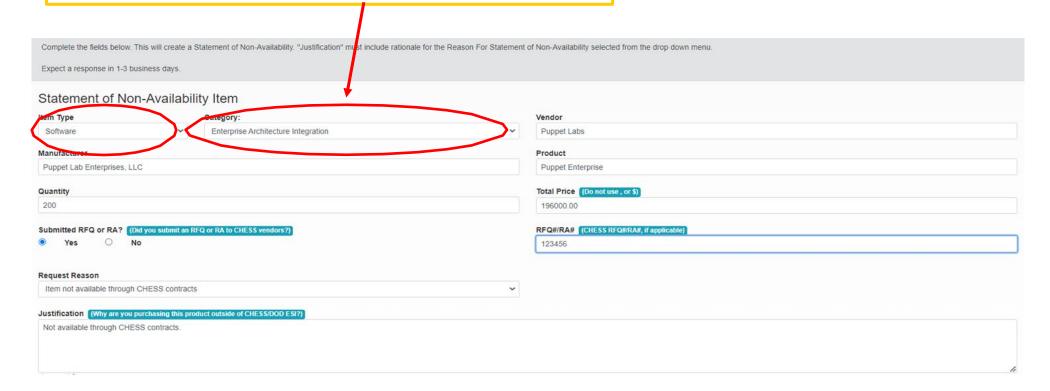
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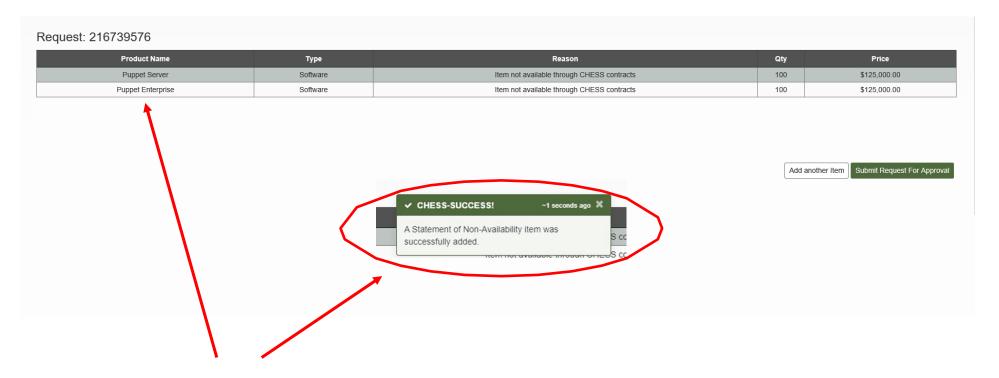
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STEP 4: ADDITIONAL ITEM HAS BEEN ADDED

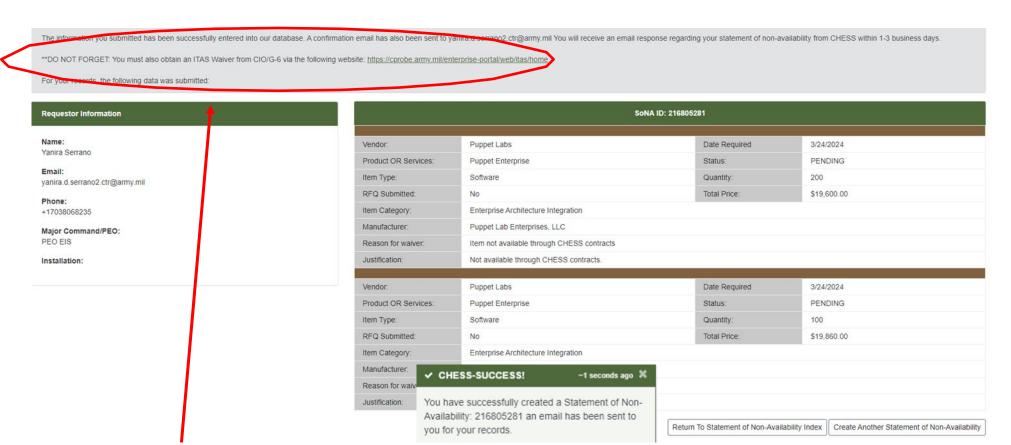




Once your item has been added, a banner will appear at the bottom of your screen and the new product will appear under your previously submitted product.

STEP 5: ADDITIONAL ITEM HAS BEEN ADDED





Once you submit your request you will be taken to the final page with an important reminder about the mandatory G6 ITAS Approval for all SoNA requests.





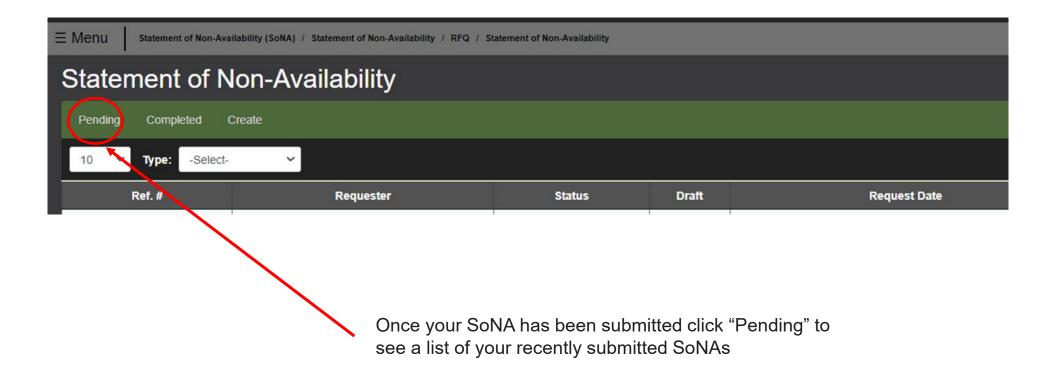


VIEW SUBMITTED SoNA



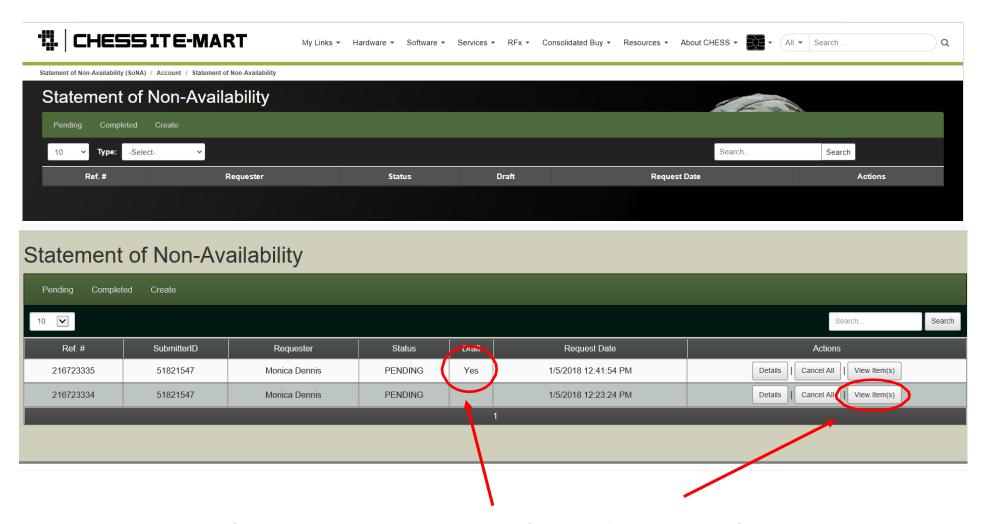
STEP 1: PENDING FOLDER





STEP 2: LINE ITEM DETAIL





Once you are on the Pending page if you see "Yes" in the Draft column, this indicates that your SoNA is still a draft and needs to be submitted for processing. To submit your SoNA click "View Item(s)" for detailed information about the SoNA.

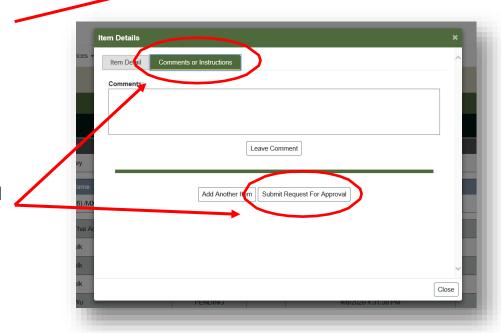
STEP 2: LINE ITEM DETAIL (CONT.)





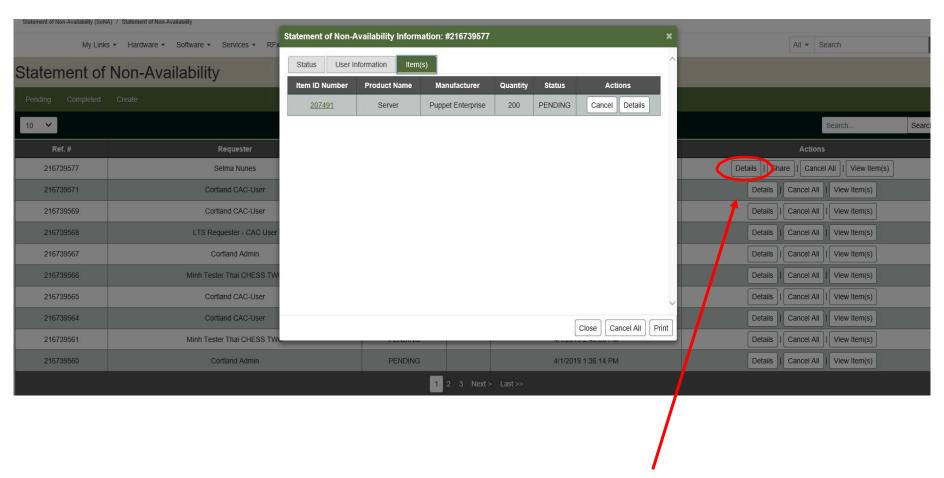
Once line item details drop down, you will need select "Details" under the Actions column to view your pending SoNA.

Once the Item Details open you will need to select the "Comment or Instructions" tab in order to submit your SoNA request for approval by selecting the "Submit Request for Approval" button. You can also leave a comment or add another item.



STEP 3: ADDITIONAL DETAILS





For additional detailed information about a particular line item click "Details" and the SoNA information will display as a pop up.

THANK YOU.







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