Route a Contract Document for Electronic Signatures Using DocuSign

In SWIFT’s Supplier Contract module, you can obtain contract signatures electronically. You can route a system-generated and an imported contract documents following the same process in SWIFT. This process eliminates the need to move paper copies of the contract document from one signer to another via email, mail or in-person delivery. The ability to store contract documents in a SWIFT contract record allows you to lessen the need for paper copies.

Once you route a contract document for signatures, SWIFT locks down this page and a lot of the functionality on the Document Management page. You can cancel the electronic signature process.

IMPORTANT! Using DocuSign for electronic signatures is fee-based.

- Your agency must sign up for a SWIFT version of the DocuSign account through MN.IT.
- Every time you route a contract document for signatures through DocuSign, your agency may be charged by MN.IT for the transaction.
- If your agency makes any errors (e.g., supplier email address) or cancels the signature process, make the changes in your DocuSign account and not in SWIFT. Your agency will avoid another fee for that same transaction.

This guide provides an overview of using SWIFT for electronic signatures with SWIFT’s limited version of DocuSign. It also lists the steps for contract administrators to submit a contract document for electronic signatures through SWIFT using DocuSign.

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Overview of Using SWIFT for Electronic Signatures with DocuSign

SWIFT uses a limited version of DocuSign for contract document signatures.
- Requests for reviewing and signing contracts go from SWIFT to DocuSign to the signer’s email address.
- Contract signers, including suppliers, do not need to log into SWIFT. They can easily review and sign contract documents through their email and DocuSign.
- The contract coordinator needs to activate a DocuSign account.

In order to send contract documents electronically through SWIFT, you will first need to request and activate a SWIFT’s version of a DocuSign account.

1. Your agency leadership needs to complete and sign the Request for Access to SWIFT Statewide Systems security form. On the Supplier Contracts section of that form, check the YES – SWIFT DocuSign Account Needed box.
2. MN.IT’s security will review this request.
3. Once approved, you will also receive an email from the SWIFT Procurement team with your Access Code for the DocuSign account.

Get the right SWIFT Security Roles.
- As the contract coordinator routing a contract document for electronic signatures, make sure that you have the correct role for routing contract document electronically.
  
  **Contract Administrator: M_FS_SC_CONTRACT_ADMIN**

- Since SWIFT uses DocuSign, contract signers (including the suppliers) do not need SWIFT security roles for electronic signatures.

- **Use the Electronic Signature Process when creating a contract document through SWIFT.**
  If you are creating a system-generated contract document and completing the Configurator Selector part of creating a contract document through SWIFT, the buyer must select the electronic signature process before saving and processing the contract document.

  - If you are importing a contract document, the buyer must select “Electronically” for the signature process.

Determine the routing order. IMPORTANT! Get accurate email addresses.
- Make sure that your agency knows the correct email addresses for all the signers before routing this document through DocuSign.
- Contact the supplier to get the name and email address of their representative who can sign contracts. Their SWIFT supplier record may not accurately reflect this information.
Use the Electronic Signature Process when creating a contract document through SWIFT. Because of DocuSign, the contract coordinator sets up the routing order of the contract signers.

**Professional/Technical Contracts:** Currently the routing order for P/T contracts is the following:

1. State Encumbrance Verification Signer
2. Contractor/Supplier Signer
3. State Agency Signer
4. Commissioner of Administration (Office of State Procurement) Signer Group Email: Admin OSP-PT
5. OSP Help Line Signer Group Email: OSP Help Line

The final signers on every PT contract document created outside of SWIFT routed for eSignatures is the OSP Help Line, who adds the OSP Admin ID.

Follow the guidelines from the Office of State Procurement on the order of signatures Professional/Technical Contracts (PT). [http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/)

**Acquisitions Contracts:** Currently the routing order for Acquisitions contracts is the following:

1. State Encumbrance Verification Signer (Depending on the Contract Document Type)
2. Contractor/Supplier Signer
3. State Agency Signer
4. Office of State Procurement Acquisition Management Specialist

Follow the guidelines from the Office of State Procurement on the order of signatures Commodity contracts. [http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/)

**Grant Contracts:** Currently the routing order for grant contract documents is the following:

1. State Encumbrance Verification Signer
2. Grantee Signer
3. State Agency Signer

Follow guidelines from the Office of Grants Management on the order of signatures and grant making policies. [https://mn.gov/admin/government/grants/policies-statutes-forms/](https://mn.gov/admin/government/grants/policies-statutes-forms/)

**Steps to route a contract document for electronic signatures**

These steps assume that the agency already created the contract shell and used SWIFT to create a contract document electronically through SWIFT.

**Step 1: Access the Document Management page for the contract document**

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1. On the Contract Entry page, select the Find an Existing Value tab. Enter the Contract ID, then press the Search button.

2. On the Search Results section, press the link of the Contract ID.
3. SWIFT displays the Contract Entry page for that contract.

**IMPORTANT:** You can only send a contract document for signatures if the contract shell’s Status is “Open” and the Authored Status is “Approved.”

- Select the Maintain Document button on the right side of the page.

- SWIFT opens the Document Management page.
- **IMPORTANT:** Do not dispatch the contract document yet.

**Step 2: Add attachments or related documents as needed (optional)**

1. As an option, you can attach documents or add related documents to the contract document. SWIFT will route any items along with the contract document to approvers and signers. Please view the reference guide for the details of adding attachments or related documents.

2. **NOTE:** When the signer gets their DocuSign notification and accesses the contract document in DocuSign, they need to press the Thumbnails icon on the right, DocuSign opens the contract document and all its attachments.

**Step 3: Prepare and route the contract document for electronic signatures**

1. On the bottom of the Document Management page, go to the Other Document Actions section. Press the Prepare and Route for e-Signature button.

SWIFT opens the Send Document for Signing page. When you route a contract document for electronic signatures, you set up the order and manually input the email addresses. Use the Add a new Row icon (e.g., plus sign) to add as many internal signers as needed.

2. Complete the Send Document for Signing page as follows.

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• On the Signing Order section, keep the “Sign Based on Sign Order” default. Otherwise, all your signers will get the email at the same time.
• On the Recipients section, SWIFT defaults in the OSP Help Line email. **This is only needed for P/T contracts.** If you are routing a grant or acquisitions contract, use the Delete Row icon to delete this line.
• **IMPORTANT!** DO NOT route a grant or acquisition contract document to the OSP Help Line.

On the Recipients section, enter the User ID (e.g., Employee ID). SWIFT will populate the email address.

• **Recipient Name** – SWIFT populates this field after entering Employee ID.
• **Sign Order** – Enter the number of the order in which each signer receives the email invitation. Follow the correct order based on the Contract Document Type.
• Enter the **Supplier email and name.** **IMPORTANT!** check the External Signer box.
• **If you are routing a P/T contract document, you need to add two additional signers.**
  o Select “Admin OSP-PT” in the Signing Group ID. SWIFT will route it the P/T signers’ group.
  o Always select the OSP Help Line as the last signer. They will create the Admin ID to track the contracts with eSignatures.
  o **IMPORTANT:** Make sure to check the Admin Entry Only box for the OSP Help Line or SWIFT will require the OSP Help Line to be signers and you will need to cancel and restart the signature process.
• As an option, you can select “Carbon Copy” to route the contract document for a staff person. They will be able to see the contract document from an email from DocuSign. They can only view the contract document.

This image is an example of a P/T signature order.
3. Below the signature box, update the **Subject** and **Message** areas as needed. These items appear in the DocuSign email.

4. Below the **Recipients** section is the **Attachments** and **Related Documents** sections. If you added attachments or related documents, you can determine which ones you want included to be sent to the contract signers in the DocuSign email.
   
   a. Check the **Selected** boxes for the attachments and related documents you wish to include.

   b. Select the **Set Attachment Visibility** link. SWIFT opens the Document Attachment Visibility page.

   c. SWIFT allows you to determine which signer can view which document. Check the **Visible to Recipient** box next to the signer who you wish to view the attachment or related document.
d. At the bottom of the page, select **OK**.

5. SWIFT returns you to the *Send Document for Signing* page. Select the **Send** button.

6. SWIFT displays the *Create Contracts and Documents* page. You can monitor the status of the signatures on the *Signing Details* section. Select the **Expand Section** icon to open this area. Then, select the **Get e-Signature Status** button.

**REMEMBER:** if your agency makes any errors (e.g., supplier email address) or cancels the signature process, make the changes in your DocuSign account and not in SWIFT. Your agency will avoid another fee for that same transaction.

- When each signer completes their signature, this *Sign Status* will be “Signed” for that line.

- When all signers complete their signatures, the *Signature Status* will update from “Pending Signatures” to “Signed.”

**NOTE:** If any signer denies the contract document, DocuSign will email you and stop the signature process. The email will tell you who denied the contract document and a reason for the denial. You will need to remedy the issue and then resubmit the contract document for electronic signatures.
Step 4: Dispatch and execute the contract document

1. Dispatching the document is a required step after obtaining signatures. Dispatching it enables you to execute the signed document through SWIFT. After you dispatch the contract document, SWIFT will post it on the supplier’s account in the Supplier’s portal.
   a. Press the Dispatch button.

   SWIFT opens the Dispatch page.

   b. Update the Delivery Method to “Manual.” This status allows SWIFT to send the fully executed contract to the supplier via the Supplier Portal.

   c. Press OK.
SWIFT returns to the Document Management page.

2. Execute the contract document.

The contract document is in a “Dispatched” Status. You need to formalize the completion of the contract document by executing it through SWIFT. An executed contract document has been through all the approval and signature requirements. It is ready for use in managing contracts with suppliers.

- Select Execute Contract button.

SWIFT updates the Document Management page. The Status is “Executed.” SWIFT removes the buttons related to contract changes.

**Step 6: Update the Status on the contract shell**

When you are ready to use this contract document with suppliers, you need to update the Status of the contract shell on the Contract Entry page.

1. At the top of the Document Management page, select the Contract ID.
2. SWIFT displays the Contract Entry page. Change the Status from “Open” to “Approved.”

You have successfully routed a contract document for electronic signatures in SWIFT using DocuSign.

As an option, you can take some additional actions on the contract document on this page after you sign it, dispatch it, and execute it through SWIFT.

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