



VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENT IMPORTANT NOTICE - ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC BIDDING SYSTEM

Dear **IDEA Public Schools** Registered Vendor,

IDEA Public Schools Purchasing & Contract Services Division is proud to announce that we will now be using Public Purchase, a web-based e-Procurement service for all IDEA entities in addition to Tyler Munis for our Texas Only vendors. In order to begin, or continue to, receive bid notifications as a current vendor with Public Purchase you must register with this new system. This process will only take a few minutes. The two-step registration process/instructions are detailed below in the Instructions section.

We will begin to utilize the Public Purchase e-procurement system effective May 3, 2023. Please register as soon as possible so that you continue to have access to our bids and the notification of our bids.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register with Public Purchase:

Use the link below to begin the registration process. *It can take up to 24 hours for your account to become active.* You will receive an email from notices@publicpurchase.com letting you know your account is activated. Be sure and add this email address to your contacts to avoid the bid notification emails being sent to your junk folder.

<https://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/register/vendor/register>

If you are already registered with Public Purchase previously, please proceed directly to step 2.

2. Register with IDEA Public Schools:

A. Once you have received your activation email from Public Purchase log into www.publicpurchase.com and accept the terms and conditions of use.

B. Click on the "Tools" tab, Click on the "Agencies" tab.

C. This will take you to the agency search page. In the agency name box type in the name of the agency. Leave the "new agency since" box blank. Make sure the Registration Status says "ALL". Click on "search" this will bring up the agency below, to the far right of it you will see "view" and "Register" Click on the "Register" link to complete the vendor registration with the agency.

It is important that this second part of the registration is complete or you will not receive notifications of upcoming quote opportunities from IDEA Public Schools. It is your responsibility to keep the information up to date, particularly the contacts and email addresses.

Why the switch?

Using this service will make the quoting process easier for us and our suppliers. The Public Purchase eProcurement System was designed exclusively for use by Government Agencies and their Vendors. This will allow vendors in non-Texas entities to have the opportunity to submit electronic bids. Please note we will continue to use Tyler Munis for Texas entities in addition to this platform. Registered Texas vendors may submit bids via public purchase or Tyler Munis.

Benefits to Us

This eProcurement system is compliant with all Federal and State regulations, which determine the required procedures for Government Agency purchasing practices. This service will also create an up-to-date vendor database, which will be hosted on Public Purchase's servers and will allow suppliers to easily update and change their information as needed.

What benefits to You?

This eProcurement system will create a single location in which to view open Requests for Quotation and award information for previous RFQ's issued through the Public Purchase website. This system will also provide you with automatic notification and transmittal of bid solicitations to vendors.

If you need any assistance with this process please contact Public Purchase at support@publicpurchase.com. Or use their Live Chat during business hours. It can be found in the upper left corner of the website.

Thank you for your Participation!

Sincerely,

Your IDEA Public Schools Procurement & Contract Services Team