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List of Government Procurement Websites
Federal, State, and Local Government
Procurement Websites

This document provides a list of websites for advertised procurement opportunities. Anyone can view opportunities listed, but in most cases in order to submit a quote, bid, or proposal you must register with the agency. Additionally, some agencies may require you to register with them in order to view and download solicitation documents. Instructions to register are usually found on the agency’s Procurement / Purchasing Department website.

Many of the agencies will automatically email you a notice of opportunity after you register if the industry code(s) in your registration match their requirement. If you are interested in doing business with an agency, it is recommended you register with them to take advantage of the automated email option, when available.

Once you register with an agency it is also recommended you spend time reviewing their procurement website. In most instances they will make publicly available their procurement policies and procedures, which will inform you how they conduct procurement for supplies, services, and construction at various dollar thresholds. This can be different from one agency to another.

If you need assistance understanding how to register with an agency, have questions about an opportunity you are considering, or any other questions relating to how to do business with a government agency, please contact the UH PTAC at 713-752-8475.

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Federal Government

Federal Acquisition Jumpstation

The Federal Acquisition Jumpstation links you to internet sites of federal procurement information. This page is designed to provide you a central starting point to quickly access federal procurement documents and establish a single-point access for many federal agencies.

For more information visit https://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/fedproc/home.html

FedBizOpps

https://www.fbo.gov/ (Register w/ FedBizOpps to set up Search Agents to receive automated email when opportunities match your search criteria.)

FedBizOpps is used by all federal agencies to advertise solicitations for contract opportunities exceeding $25,000. Federal agencies are not required to advertise solicitations on FedBizOpps for $25,000 and less. In order to locate these opportunities it is recommended you visit the specific federal agency procurement website to see if they are advertised there. Additionally, many agencies will have a small business link on their procurement website to provide information on their small business programs. They may also have contact information for their Small Business Representative (SBR). You can contact these individuals to learn about the agency’s procurement opportunities, processes, and procedures, as well as market your company to the agency.

If you are unable to locate an agency SBR, another recommendation is to contact the agency’s Office of Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). The primary responsibility of the OSDBU is to ensure that small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned businesses are treated fairly and that they have an opportunity to compete and be selected for a fair amount of the agency's contract dollars. Below is the link to the OSDBU Directors Interagency Council page to search by agency for contact information.

https://webarchive.library.unt.edu/eot2008/20080916004434/http:/osdbu.gov/offices.html

NASA, Johnson Space Center

https://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/busops.asp (Select the Business Opportunities link at the top of the website.)

Register as a NASA vendor with the NASA Office of Small Business Programs:

https://osbp.nasa.gov/vendor_database.html

For more information download the NASA Vendor Database Card:

https://osbp.nasa.gov/docs/OSBP_NASA_Vendor_Database_card_May2017.pdf

Defense Logistics Agency Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS)

https://www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil/

DLA supplies the nation’s military and several civilian agencies with the critical resources they need to accomplish their worldwide missions. It provides wide-ranging logistical support for peacetime and wartime operations, as well as emergency preparedness and humanitarian missions. One method of meeting its customer's needs for recurring goods is by implementing an ordering system that is based on Federal Supply Classes, National Stock Numbers, and approved part numbers.
The DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS) is a web-based application that provides the capability to search for, view, and submit secure quotes on Requests for Quotations (RFQs) for Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) items of supply. DIBBS is not for service providers. DIBBS also allows users to search and view Request for Proposals (RFPs), Invitations for Bid (IFBs), Awards, and other procurement information related to DLA. However, on DIBBS opportunities are not automatically listed. You must understand how to search for opportunities using the Search Categories listed on the website.

Since using DIBBS requires an understanding of the system to conduct searches, if you are interested in learning about DIBBS to determine if the DLA system is appropriate for your business, please contact the UH PTAC at 713-752-8475 to make an appointment to talk with one of our procurement advisors.

State of Texas

Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD)

http://www.txsmartbuy.com/sp

The ESBD is used by all state agencies to advertise solicitations for contract opportunities exceeding $25,000. Additionally, many local government agencies and educational institutions use the ESBD to advertise requirements. State agencies are not required to advertise solicitations on ESBD for $25,000 and less. In order to locate these opportunities it is recommended you visit the specific state agency procurement website to see if they are advertised there.

Additionally, many agencies will have a small business link on their procurement website to provide information on their small business programs. They may also have contact information for their Small Business Representative (SBR). You can contact these individuals to learn about the agency’s procurement opportunities, processes, and procedures, as well as market your company to the agency.

If you are a State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (SoT HUB) vendor, it is recommended you contact the agency’s HUB Coordinator. One of their prime responsibilities is to facilitate the agency’s effort to increase the use of HUB vendors. Here is a link to the SoT HUB Coordinator list:

http://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/resources.php/

MD Anderson

https://www4.mdanderson.org/procurement/bids/

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

http://esbd.epa.state.tx.us/sagencybid.cfm?startrow=1&endrow=25&ag_num=696&orderby=Agency

Texas Department of Information Resources

http://dir.texas.gov/View-Information-For-Vendors/Landing.aspx

The DIR provides oversight for management of government information and communications technology. Its role is to deliver information resources commodities and services for state and local government as well as the K–12 public and higher education systems. New opportunities for DIR requirements are posted on the ESBD and can be found by searching for agency “Department of Information Resources – 313”. The website link provided takes you to their Information for Vendors
page where you will find a link to their current contracting initiatives, so you can see the projects in the planning phase as well as those currently posted.

Texas Department of Transportation
http://www.txdot.gov/business.html

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
https://www.utmb.edu/supplychain/purchasing/bidops.asp

The University of Texas System at Austin Project Management and Construction Services (PMCS)
http://pmcservices.utexas.edu/

Local Area Government Agencies

Each local agency will have processes and procedures that mandate how they conduct procurement to include dollar thresholds that determine how they proceed with a requirement. If you are interested in doing business with any of these agencies, the UH PTAC recommends you visit the agency's procurement website and learn about their policies and procedures for conducting procurement. Many of the agencies will have a link to small business programs and have a SBR. It is recommended you contact the SBR to market your company and to inquire about opportunities.

Conroe
http://www.cityofconroe.org/departments/finance-administration/purchasing

Fort Bend County

Galveston County
http://www.galvestoncountytx.gov/pu/Pages/BidListings.aspx

Harris County
https://purchasing.harriscountytx.gov/Pages/DoingBusinessWithHarrisCounty.aspx

Houston
(This website also has links to Metro, Port of Houston Authority, Houston ISD, Houston Community College, and Harris County Procurement Opportunities)
http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/current_contracting_opportunities.html

Houston Airport System
http://www.fly2houston.com/businessWelcome

Houston Housing Authority

La Porte
http://laportetx.gov/515/Purchasing
League City  
http://www.leaguecity.com/bids.aspx  

Metro Transit Authority  
https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/solicitations.aspx  

Montgomery County  
http://www.mctx.org/departments/departments_1_-_p/purchasing/vendor_information.php  

Missouri City  

Pearland  
https://www.pearlandtx.gov/departments/finance/purchasing-division  

Port of Houston Authority  
http://porthouston.com/portweb/procurement/  

Rosenberg  
http://rosenbergtx.gov/notice-bidders-rfqrfp/  

Sugarland  

Other Texas Cities  

Amarillo  
http://www.amarillo.gov/?page_id=149  

Austin  
https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm  

Beaumont  
http://beaumonttexas.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-information/  

Dallas  
http://www.dallascounty.org/department/purchasing/currentbids.php  

Dallas / Fort Worth International Airport  

El Paso  
http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/purchasing/ep-invitations.asp  

Fort Worth  
http://fortworthtexas.gov/purchasing/
Lubbock
http://www.mylubbock.us/departmental-websites/departments/purchasing/home
San Antonio
http://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/biddingcontract/opportunities.aspx
Waco City
http://www.waco-texas.com/bids.asp
Wichita Falls

Education Institutions

Universities and Community Colleges

Houston Community College
http://www.hccs.edu/district/departments/procurement/

Lone Star College System
http://www.lonestar.edu/purchasing.htm (LSCS does not list current opportunities. Visit the website to learn how to become an approved vendor.)

University of Houston
(UH advertises many of their requirements on the ESBD)
http://www.uh.edu/administration-finance/hub/bidopportunity/

University of Texas at Austin (UTA)
http://utdirect.utexas.edu/bidweb/bidweb.WBX?component=0

UTA Construction
http://www.utexas.edu/pmcs/calendar/

UT Health Science Center
http://www.uthscsa.edu/business/purchasing/purchasing_bids.html

Independent School Districts

Aldine

Alief
http://www.aliefisd.net/group_profile_view.aspx?id=a7116725-ae62-46b4-9ba5-a170a890842f

Brazoria
http://brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-opportunities
Channelview

Clear Creek
http://www.ccisd.net/departments/purchasing/current-bids-rfps

Conroe
http://purchasing.conroeisd.net/bids/

Crosby
(click on Bid Schedule)

Cypress-Fairbanks
http://www.cfisd.net/en/about/financial-information/bids-and-proposals/

Deer Park
http://www.dpisd.org/Page/17355

Fort Bend
http://purchasing.fortbendisd.com/CurrentBids.aspx

Galena Park
http://www.galenaparkisd.com/campuspages/purchasing/UpcomingBidsRFPs.htm

Houston
http://www.houstonisd.org//Domain/8017

Humble
http://www.humble.k12.tx.us//Domain/65

Katy
http://www.katyisd.org/dept/purchasing/Pages/default.aspx

Klein
http://www.kleinisd.net/default.aspx?name=finserv.purch.home

La Porte

Pasadena
http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=80772&pageId=462589

Spring
https://springisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx
Spring Branch


Tomball

http://www.tomballisd.net/content/resources.aspx?topicId=911C7FF7-9573-4382-85C5-4294224390C4

Other

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts to its membership. TIPS currently serves entities such as state and local governments and non-profit organizations, including but not limited to:

- K-12 school districts
- Charter Schools
- Private Schools/Daycare Centers
- Colleges and Universities (State and Private)
- Cities/Municipalities
- Counties/Parishes
- Churches
- Charitable Organizations
- State Agencies
- Emergency Services Districts

The only way a vendor can sell goods or services through the TIPS cooperative is to be awarded a contract by TIPS. This can only happen when a vendor responds to a TIPS solicitation (RFP/RFQ) for their specific product or service. Visit the website below to see TIPS solicitations you may submit offers on:

https://www.tips-usa.com/rfp.cfm