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## Let the UH PTAC Guide You in Selling Your Products and Services to Government **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

### **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.)

### **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 (products) 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 DIBSS 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.cpa.state.tx.us/sagencybid.cfm?startrow=1&endrow=25&ag\\_num=696&orderby=Agency](http://esbd.cpa.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**

<http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=411>

### **Galveston County**

<http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/pu/Pages/BidListings.aspx>

### **Harris County**

<https://purchasing.harriscountytexas.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.houstontexas.gov/obo/current\\_contracting\\_opportunities.html](http://www.houstontexas.gov/obo/current_contracting_opportunities.html)

### **Houston Airport System**

<http://www.fly2houston.com/businessWelcome>

**Houston Housing Authority**

<http://www.housingforhouston.com/doing-business-with-hha.aspx>

**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](http://www.mctx.org/departments/departments_1_-_p/purchasing/vendor_information.php)

**Missouri City**

[http://www.demandstar.com/supplier/bids/agency\\_inc/bid\\_list.asp?f=search&mi=10144](http://www.demandstar.com/supplier/bids/agency_inc/bid_list.asp?f=search&mi=10144)

**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**

<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?NID=288>

**Other Texas Cities**

**Amarillo**

[http://www.amarillo.gov/?page\\_id=149](http://www.amarillo.gov/?page_id=149)

**Austin**

[https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/index.cfm](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**

<https://www.dfairport.com/business/solicitations/index.php>

**El Paso**

<http://legacy.elpasotexas.gov/purchasing/ep-invitations.asp>

**Fort Worth**

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/purchasing/>

**Lubbock**

<http://www.mylubbock.us/departamental-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**

<http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/Index.aspx?NID=243>

**Education Institutions**

**Universities**

**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](http://www.uthscsa.edu/business/purchasing/purchasing_bids.html)

## **Independent School Districts**

### **Aldine**

<http://www.aldine.k12.tx.us/cms/main.cfm?siteID=41&PageID=429>

### **Alief**

[http://www.aliefisd.net/group\\_profile\\_view.aspx?id=a7116725-ae62-46b4-9ba5-a170a890842f](http://www.aliefisd.net/group_profile_view.aspx?id=a7116725-ae62-46b4-9ba5-a170a890842f)

### **Brazoria**

<http://brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/purchasing/bid-opportunities>

### **Channelview**

<http://www.cvisd.org//site/default.aspx?PageID=3050>

### **Clear Creek**

<http://www.ccisd.net/departments/purchasing/current-bids-rfps>

### **Conroe**

<http://purchasing.conroeisd.net/bids/>

### **Crosby**

<http://www.crosbyisd.org/education/components/docmgr/default.php?sectiondetailid=16609&>  
(click on Bid Schedule)

**Cypress-Fairbanks**

<http://www.cfsd.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**

[http://www.lpsid.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=214663&type=d&pREC\\_ID=553112](http://www.lpsid.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=214663&type=d&pREC_ID=553112)

**Pasadena**

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

**Spring**

<https://springisd.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

**Spring Branch**

<http://cms.springbranchisd.com/skin2/Home/Departments/IS/Purchasing/BidsandProposals/tabid/24436/Default.aspx>

## **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 products 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>

### **Texas Bid Network**

The UH PTAC provides this website as another source for you to consider when researching bid opportunities. It publishes procurement solicitations (Request for Quotes (RFQs), Invitations for Bid (IFB), Requests for Proposals (RFPs), Requests for Qualifications, Requests for Information (RFIs), etc.) primarily from government agencies but also from some private organizations in Texas. The UH PTAC makes no representation of the accuracy of the opportunities listed. It is recommended if you

locate an opportunity listed on the website that you visit the agency's website to confirm the opportunity is valid and active with the listed agency.

Additionally, it is recommended you read the About Us and Terms of Usage to further understand the how the website was developed and is maintained and requirements for use.

<http://www.texasbids.net/about/>