Overview of Procurement Policies

The Prince William County Procurement Regulations require the County to compete its requirements, to the maximum practicable extent, giving all qualified firms an opportunity to compete on an equitable basis to ensure the County receives the best value.

All solicitations valued at \$30,000 or more for supplies and services are posted at **pwcgov.org/bid.** The solicitation documents can be downloaded from that site. Some bid opportunities may be advertised in local newspapers. Firms that do not have access to the Internet or have difficulties using the web site may call the Procurement Services Division.

Formal procurements estimated to be more than \$100,000 are made competitively by one of the following:

- 1. Sealed Bids: An Invitation for Bids (IFB) is issued describing the supplies or services and asking for bids due on a specific date. All bids are opened at a formal, public bid opening and a bid tabulation is posted on the website. Award is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- **2.** Proposals: A Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued describing the supplies or services and how the County will evaluate the proposals submitted. The evaluation may involve discussions and negotiation. Award is made to the firm that offers the best overall value to the County.

For purchases valued at more than \$30,000 and less than \$100,000 for supplies and services, the Procurement Services Division issues a Request for Quotation (RFQ). At least three firms shall be contacted to submit a quote.

Purchases under \$5,000 are made directly by the Using Department.

Prince William County Procurement Services Division

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Doing business with **Prince William County**

General Information

Prince William County Government relies on local businesses and companies throughout the nation to support its mission. With annual expenditures of more than \$300 million for supplies and services, the County is proactive in its efforts to solicit companies of all sizes to serve as business partners. To discover what opportunities exist for your business, visit **pwcgov.org/bid** to view information such as:

- Business Opportunities (Solicitations)
 - Vendor Registration
 - Contract Awards
 - Bid Results
 - Term Contracts
 - Procurement Regulations

Call (703) 792-6770 for assistance using the website

Supplier Registration

To register with Prince William County:

- 1. Go to: www.pwcgov.org/bid
- 2. Click on Vendor Registration/Login
- 3. Select Vendor Registration

will receive a notification.)

(Note: Download the Instructions underneath the tab to use as a guide.)

4. Enter your Company/Individual Details, Contact Information, Address, Business Classification, Product and Services, and Banking Details. (Products and Services are codes used to categorize vendor capabilities and individual procurements. If one of the codes from your vendor profile is included in a formal solicitation, you

5. Submit your entry to complete your registration process. (You will receive an email confirmation that your registration is being processed.)

The Prince William County Procurement Regulations require that all firms register with the County prior to receiving a contract award. An approved supplier may receive notice of solicitations that fall within the selected capabilities. Due to legal and security issues, each supplier must complete their own online registration at our secure website. Each supplier will create a User ID and Password and make any future changes to their information in our database.

Supplies and services routinely purchased by the County include:

Architect/engineer services

Library supplies

Audio visual equipment

Moving services

Auto parts

Office equipment/machinery

Banking services
Office supplies

Building services chemical

Oils/lubricants Clothing/uniforms Paving services

Communication Systems

Printing supplies/services

Computer Hardware Quarry supplies

Computer Software

Radios

Computer Supplies Renovation services Consulting Services Road construction Construction Equipment Security services/equipment

Electrical Supplies

Signs

Emergency medical items

Tires/tubes Furniture Tools

Janitorial supplies/services

Training

Laundry services

Vehicles

How to market your firm to Prince William County

Send your statement of qualifications to **procurement@pwcgov.org** and ask that it be shared with the appropriate departments. Explore the Prince William County Government organizational chart at **pwcgov.org/gov**

Upcoming Opportunities

Potential business partners are encouraged to review the County's adopted Budget, Strategic Plan, and Capital Improvement Program at **pwcgov.org/budget** to identify areas of interest to your firm.

The Public School System and Service Authority each have their own independent purchasing department. Specific information can be obtained by contacting the following:

Service Authority (703) 335-7900

School System (703) 791-8743