



SELLING TO THE GOVERNMENT LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES

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Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District





ABOUT WPI

Supporting the Mission

Assist businesses in creating,
development and growing their sales,
revenue and jobs through Federal, state
and local government contracts.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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ACQUISITION HOUR – THE CONTRACTOR PURCHASING SYSTEM REVIEW (CPSR) SERIES PART 1 OF 4

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ACQUISITION HOUR – THE CONTRACTOR PURCHASING SYSTEM REVIEW (CPSR) SERIES PART 2 OF 4

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES (2)

GET STARTED WITH THE BASICS

Questions & answers on how to get started.

GET STARTED

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HAVE A QUESTION? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

One of our staff of experts is available to answer your questions.

GET HELP

In my past life, I was responsible for GOVERNMENT SALES for a large business distributor



We had:

- Various GSA Schedule Contract
- Individual sales to Federal agencies around the country
- Various contracts and other sales with States across the Country
- Various contract and other sales with Local Governments across the Country
- Teaming agreements with small business

How did we get the SALES?

- Understood how the Government buys?
 - GSA Schedule
 - Small Buys
 - Proposals
 - Quotes
- Actively monitored SALES opportunities
 - Bid Matching – WPI and other services
 - Outreach to past and current customers
 - Outreach to potential customers – MARKET RESEARCH



How did we get the SALES?

- Conferences and Workshops
 - Meeting “BUYERS”
 - Meeting potential partners
 - Learning about upcoming requirements
 - Learning about changes in regulations and process
 - Becoming part of Government Market “community”
- Repeat Business
 - Customer service
 - Responsiveness – delivery
 - On line access and information



SO what I recommend.....

- Understand the procurement process
- Understand the regulations that govern the process
- Understand how the marketplace works
- Understand small business programs
- Be aware of “GOOD” opportunities for your business
- Get to know your customers – not just via internet – actually meet with your customers
- Get known – you, your business, your products and services

SO what I recommend.....

- GET OUT and SELL
 - Conferences
 - Events – trade associations, chambers, industry groups.....
 - Identified current and potential customers
 - Other as appropriate to your business
- ALWAYS have with you
 - Business Card with current information
 - A One Page Capabilities Statement
 - A prepared business introduction or “pitch”
 - Information about your business that a buyer would need / want to know

MARKETPLACE WISCONSIN

December 13 – 14 2017

Milwaukee, WI

Buyer meetings:

- Registration December 13 and 14
- Meetings December 14

ALSO

- Buyers attending will be listed on website along with information on what they are buying and applicable small business programs
- If you need help in preparing for this event, contact WPI for assistance.
 - Recommendations on which buyers to meet with
 - Preparation of Capabilities Statement
 - Understanding buyer requirements
 - Small Business Programs and Certifications

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