

Important News from State of Wisconsin - Bureau of Procurement

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration will be adopting new technology to streamline the State bidding process in the near future. This technology will be part of the State Transforming Agency Resources (STAR)'s upcoming Wisconsin eSupplier Portal. As a company that has expressed interest in doing business with the State, we are taking this opportunity to inform you of how these changes will affect the way you do business with us.

Why is this change necessary?

The STAR Project connected the State's 120+ IT software and systems into a single comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system using PeopleSoft. The upcoming addition to this system, the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal, will offer vendors an opportunity to respond to electronic bids posted by Wisconsin state agencies, manage their bidder contact information, and search for other procurement resources.

What is changing?

Beginning in fall 2017, the State Bureau of Procurement's VendorNet bidder registration and solicitation notification process for state agencies will be transitioning to the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal. State agencies will use STAR to post and manage bids, and interested bidders will use the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal to respond. Please note that VendorNet will still be available for use by University of Wisconsin System campuses and municipalities.

What do I need to do?

You must login to your account on VendorNet to validate and update your account information. If you do not login to your account, we will assume the account is no longer used and will inactivate your account. You can access VendorNet at <https://vendornet.wi.gov/> and click on the link to login on the upper right-hand corner. Once you've logged in, click on "My Profile" to review and update your profile, including your contact info and NIGP codes. **Failure to update your information may prevent your business from receiving notifications of opportunities in the future.**

What does this mean for my business?

- Between now and the transition to the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal, your company will continue to receive notices from VendorNet as it has in the past.
- The process for responding to a solicitation before the transition occurs will remain the same.
- When the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal becomes available, you will:

- Need to access the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal to respond to a solicitation issued by the State (further instructions will be provided to you in the near future).
- Be able to post questions and receive answers online.
- Be able to upload submissions and information for State of Wisconsin agency solicitations.
- VendorNet will still be available for use by University of Wisconsin System campuses and municipalities who will not be using the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal.

When will this transition to the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal happen?

The State is planning on making this transition in the fall. We will continue to update you regarding this process and will provide you with more detailed instructions as we get closer to the transition.

Where can I get more information?

We are dedicated to keeping you informed during this process. You can access the most current information on our website at <https://vendornet.wi.gov/GenProcurement/StrategicSourcing.aspx>. In addition, if you have any questions during this process you may contact our VendorNet help desk at doawispro@wisconsin.gov or by phone at (608) 264-7897 or toll-free at (800) 482-7813.