



# **Supplier Orientation**

"Path to Partnership"



STATE PURCHASING

## Welcome!



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# Agenda



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## **State Purchasing Division**



- State Purchasing is the centralized office responsible for the purchase of more than \$4.5 billion of goods and services each year
- Delegates Purchasing Authority to State Agencies
- Promotes equal access and competition among suppliers

For more information, visit our Web site: www.doas.ga.gov

# **Georgia Procurement Manual**





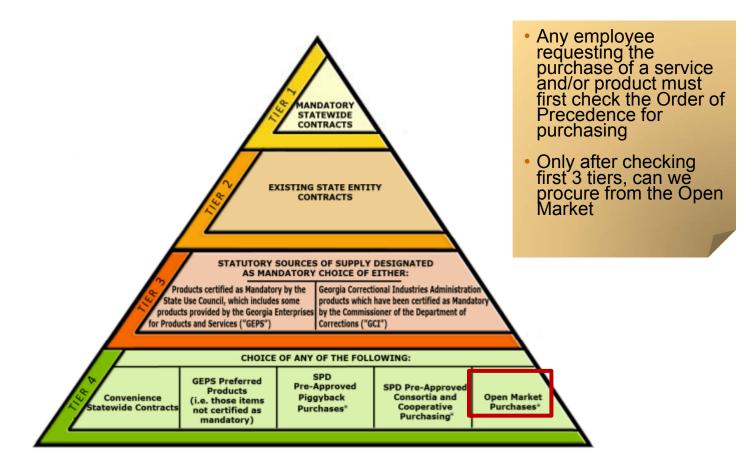
The GPM is available online and in print format from our website.

You can access both formats at any time.

# **Georgia Procurement Manual**



#### **Order of Precedence**



# Georgia Procurement Manual



### **Competitive Bidding Requirements**

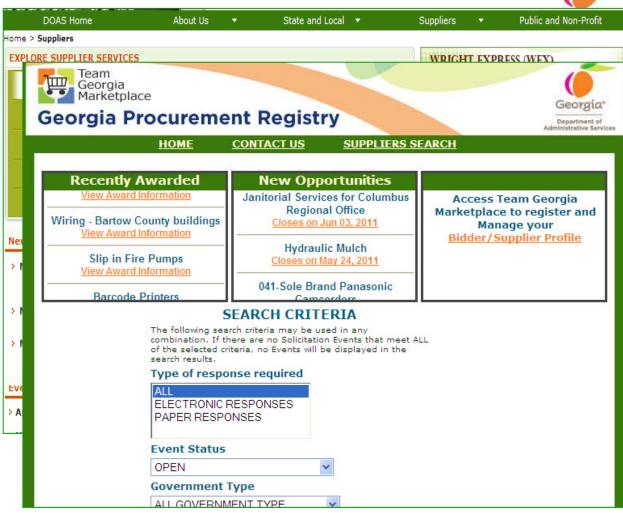


- < \$25,000 No bidding required
- ≥ \$25,000 Requires a bidding process
- Bids are posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry
- Sourcing methods include RFQ, RFP, RFI, RFQC
  - RFI and RFQC do not end in award
- Sourcing tools include Team Georgia Marketplace™ and eSource

## Georgia Procurement Registry



- Suppliers may view open and awarded solicitations by accessing the Georgia Procurement Registry
- Respond electronically in Team Georgia Marketplace™ or eSource
- Search several government entities
  - State Government
  - Municipalities
  - County Government
  - K-12 Public School Districts

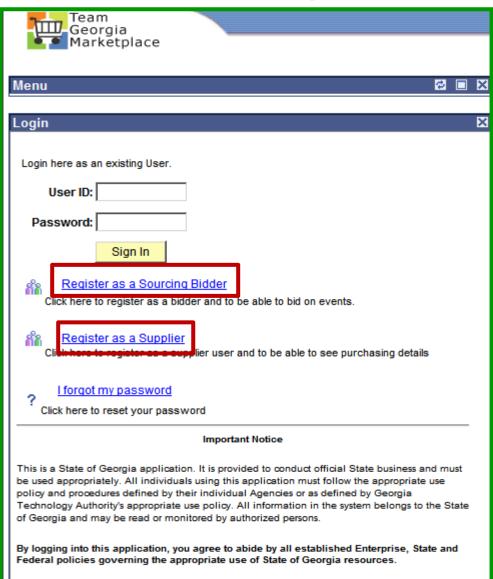


## Team Georgia Marketplace™

Team Georgia Marketplace™ is an electronic procurement system. It is part of a plan to run the State like a business, an initiative launched by Governor Perdue in 2005. Officially, the purpose of our Procurement Transformation Initiative is to update and improve the practices, capacity, information tracking, and procurement technology for state agencies.



## Team Georgia Marketplace™



#### **Supplier Self Service**

- Two-way online communication with suppliers enabling self-service access to register and change their bidder information and access to outstanding POs and payment status
- Tool for companies to respond to electronic bids
- Less paperwork, faster communications, less administrative time, and easily available information for suppliers

#### **Sourcing Bidder**

If your company provides goods or services but has never had a purchase order, received a remittance, or been awarded a contract by the State of Georgia, you need to register as a sourcing bidder. Your company may fit into this category even if it was active in the old Vendor Registration System.

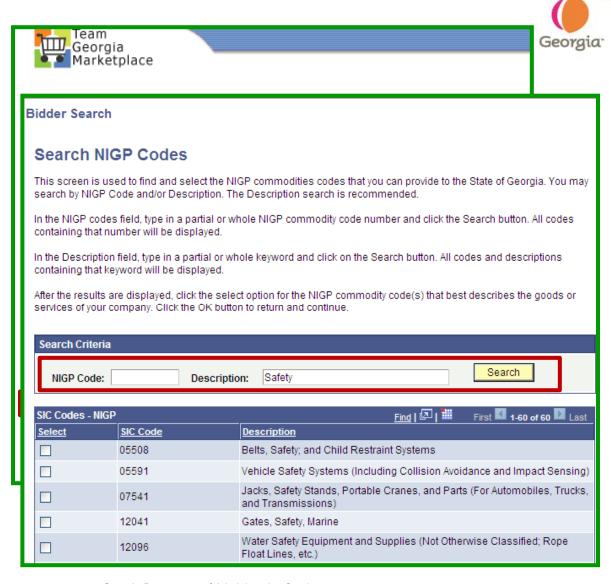
#### **Supplier**

If your company has had a purchase order, received a remittance, or has been awarded a contract by the State of Georgia, you need to register as a supplier. A company in this category will have a PeopleSoft vendor number in our Financials system.

Administrative Services

## Team Georgia Marketplace™

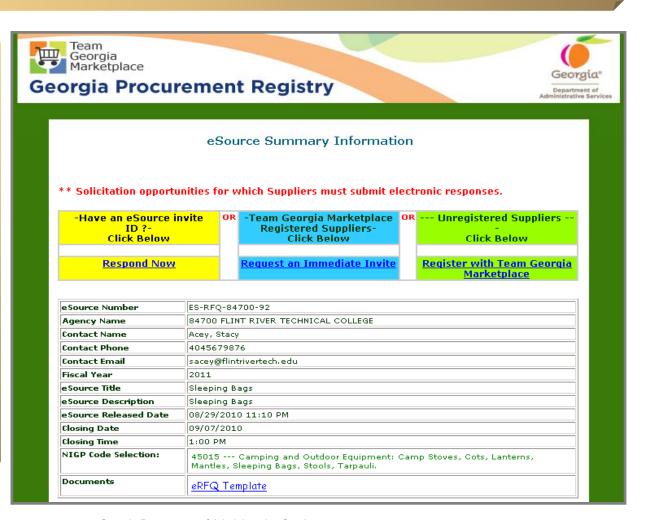
- The NIGP
   Commodity
   Services Code was
   developed by the
   National Institute of
   Governmental
   Purchasing to bring
   efficiency to
   automated
   purchasing
- The NIGP Codes provide an excellent coding structure for standardizing purchasing
- Identify which products and/or services you wish to sell to the state



## **eSource**

eSource is a procurement sourcing and solicitation tool that enables purchasing agents of the state to electronically solicit bid opportunities. Essentially, eSource replaces the use of fax or processing paper-based solicitations.

- In order to bid on an eSource, you must have received an email invitation to bid
- Contains eSource-specific User ID and Password
- Can only be used for that eSource
- Not the same User ID/Password combination as used for Team Georgia Marketplace
- eSource training on web at http://doas.ga.gov/Training/Pag es/SupplierTraining.aspx



#### **Bidders' Conferences**

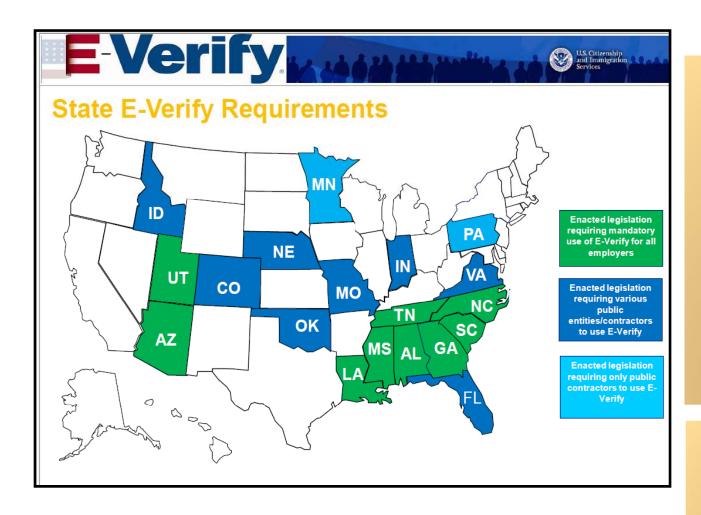


- Public meetings that occur prior to the closing date of the solicitation to distribute information
- Pre-bid/Offerors' conferences may be conducted for the purpose of allowing suppliers to participate in a site visit to the physical location
- The solicitation must identify any such public meeting and define whether or not a supplier's attendance at such public meeting is mandatory
- If it is mandatory, you MUST attend to participate in solicitation!

There is 100% chance the winner of the contract is in the room for mandatory conferences!

## eVerify: Georgia Immigration and Security Law





Effective 7/1/13, all contractors and sub-contractors who provide services over \$2,499.99 in value must enroll in E-Verify if you employ one or more employees.

\*\*Not required for contracts solely involving the purchase of goods by a government agency\*\*

### State of Georgia Purchasing Card Program Benefits of Credit Card Acceptance



- Reliability If Visa regulations are followed, face-to-face transactions are guaranteed. For internet, mail order & telephone transactions, payments from the State are <u>very low</u> risk
- Security No returned checks, no cash loss or theft
- Convenience Faster payments (usually paid within 24 – 48 hours). No Accounts Receivable hassles, following up on invoices or need to wait for checks and then deposit them – payment is streamlined. This equates to better cash flow
- Increased Sales Merchants that accept cards generally benefit from higher average tickets and higher total sales
- Customer Preference and Convenience "...more cards than all other major payment brands combined" according to Visa, Q4 2006



## Supplier Services

The Suppliers Community of Interest has five (5) sub-menus, as well as...

- News
- Events
- Direct Links
- Features



# Supplier Training

Training includes
web-based videos,
quick reference
guides, webinars,
and classroombased Orientations
and Seminars
across the State!



## **More Resources**



Agency, College & University Procurement Officers List http://doas.ga.gov/StateLocal/SPD/Pages/Home.aspx

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Christina Hobbs, Business Development Manager Office of External Activities and Facilities christina.hobbs@usg.edu 404-657-2514

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Peter Rassel

Business Consultant



#### What's New?

# We're on Facebook!

Our Facebook page was launched on November 5, 2012! Already over 750 "Likes"!

Just one more way to provide excellent customer service to our Suppliers!

# DOAS – State Purchasing Now on Facebook

Georgia

We'll Help You Navigate State Procurement.



Get synced up. We're your direct line to:



Vital procurement information



**Exclusive marketing tips** 



Answers you need to reach your State of Georgia business goals



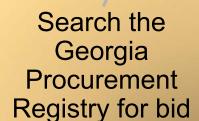
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## **Support and Assistance**



- Supplier Services Website –
   http://doas.ga.gov/Suppliers/Pages/Home.aspx
  - Georgia Procurement Manual
  - Team Georgia Marketplace Training
  - eSource Supplier's Guide
  - eSource Supplier's Training (online)
- Supplier Orientation
- Supplier Webinar
- Supplier Outreach, Marketing & Communications
  - Dorna.Werdelin@doas.ga.gov or call 404-463-4044
- State Purchasing Helpdesk Email procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov
- State Purchasing Helpdesk 404-657-6000

## **Summary**



opportunities

Register in Team Georgia Marketplace to respond to bid opportunities Update Team
Georgia
Marketplace
profile with NIGP
codes at any
time

Use eSourcespecific User ID/Password combination to

bid on eSource



Attend pre-bid and offerors' conferences

Contact your banking institution to become a credit card merchant

Utilize resources provided by the State!

**READ!** 

