

January—March 2016



## Small Business Connections

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## *National Purchasing Month*

The City of Knoxville's Purchasing Division joins the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) in recognizing March as National Purchasing Month. In recognition of the month, we celebrate both the profession and the procurement professionals. March is a great time to share all the good news about public procurement and the value these professionals bring to our organizations and our communities.

Along with the procurement professionals, recognition and thanks is extended to all stakeholders and partners. The Purchasing Division realizes that we are not successful if the requisitioning departments and the contracting community aren't successful. Your commitment and service is greatly appreciated.

There are many products and general services as well as professional and construction related services that the City of Knoxville buys throughout the year. If you are interested in doing business with the City, you are encouraged to become a registered vendor by accessing the Vendor Self-Service Account portal at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing), click on "Vendor Accounts" and follow the instructions.



## *Procurement Awards Ceremony*

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will observe the 2016 National Small Business Week May 1—7, 2016. In conjunction with this week-long celebration, the City of Knoxville is pleased to announce that the Purchasing Division will host its first-ever Procurement Awards Ceremony.

The breakfast event is tentatively scheduled to take place on Friday, May 6, 2016 in the Small Assembly Room of the City & County Building with awardees, their invited guests and City of Knoxville officials in attendance. This event is a new way for the Purchasing Division to celebrate and express appreciation for the contributions the business community as well as City employees make in helping the City succeed.

More details will be available in the next edition of this newsletter.



## *Recently Awarded Solicitations*

The City solicits sealed submissions for purchases of \$25,000 or more. It solicits quotes by email or fax for purchases between the amounts of \$5,000 and \$25,000.

Listed below are some of the solicitations that have been awarded within the past 90 days.



Item	Awarded Supplier	Amount
Microsoft Surface Pro 3	Aprisa Technology LLC	5,330
Automotive Tire Changer	Hal's Tire Supply, Inc.	5,526
Firefighter Self-Contained Escape Packs	Fire Ground Technologies	8,000
Triple Mask Forklift	The Lilly Company	22,985
Fire Safety Coloring & Activity Books	Bass Specialty Sales, Inc.	5,790
Hydraulic Cylinder	Spector Manufacturing, Inc.	9,536
Refinish Gym Floor	Finchum Sports Floors	10,580
Printing for Knoxville Area Transit (KAT)	Russell Printing Options	Blanket Purchase
2015 Crosswalk Safety Program Pro-	Superior Pavement Marking,	175,210
Cavalier Ave. and Ulster Stream Restoration Project	D.R. Phillips LLC	366,280
West Glenwood and Banks Stream Restoration Project	KCI Environmental Technologies and	84,201
Will Skelton Greenway Stabilization Project	Merit Construction Inc.	407,365
Standby Generator	City Electric Supply	12,300
Aluminum Sign Blanks	Vulcan, Inc.	5,797
Uniform Badges	GT Distributors, Inc.	4,903
Used Oil Handling Equipment	J Bisio Enterprises Inc.	10,287
Flatbed Duplex Scanners	NovaCopy, Inc.	9,944
Tire Machine	National Auto Parts Company	15,101
Tire Contract	Bingham Tire of Clinton National Auto Parts Company Truck Tire Center of Knoxville	Blanket Purchase
Collection and Processing of Used Carpet	Southeastern Recycling, LLC	Blanket Purchase
Glass Beads	Swarco Industries	5,180
Bosch Scanner	Myers Tire Supply Distribution, Inc.	8,070
Ft Sanders Sidewalk Improvements Project	Southern Constructors	175,166

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Get to know your department representatives.



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# Upcoming Procurement Opportunities

The City of Knoxville achieves the highest degree of open, free market competition when soliciting quotes, bids, proposals and/or qualifications. By posting bid opportunities on the website, and participating in various outreach programs throughout the year, the purchasing division is committed to keeping businesses informed about available contracting opportunities.

Below are some of the opportunities to look for over the next 90 days.



Remember to complete the Vendor Self-Service Account for future bid and/or quote notifications.

[www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing)



Items to be Solicited	Projected Bid Dates	Department
First Creek Greenway Project	January 2016	Engineering
Kirkwood KAT Superstop Project	January 2016	Engineering
Iron Frames, Grates & Inlets	January 2016	Public Service
Concrete Pipe	January 2016	Public Service
Pest Control Services	January 2016	Knoxville Area Transit
2016 Alley Paving Project	January 2016	Engineering
Bridge Rehabilitation Project (Sutherland Avenue and Ed Shouse Drive)	January 2016	Engineering
W Young High Pike Sidewalk Project	January 2016	Engineering
2014 Neighborhood Drainage Project - Phase II	January 2016	Engineering
Mowing Services for Various Lots	January 2016	Community Development
Mowing & Landscaping for Safety City	January 2016	Police
Janitorial Services - KPD Training Academy/Safety City/5th Ave.	January 2016	Police
Janitorial Services - East District Precinct and Safety Education Offices	January 2016	Police
Safety Building Janitorial	January 2016	Police
Mural Program	February 2016	Public Arts Committee
Old City Streetscapes Project	February 2016	Engineering
S Castle Street Sidewalk Project	February 2016	Engineering
Wilkerson Road Bridge Replacement Project	February 2016	Engineering
Pole Foundation & Associated Work	February 2016	Public Service
W Jackson Avenue Streetscapes	March 2016	Engineering
2013 Neighborhood Drainage Project	March 2016	Engineering
Pleasant Ridge Road at Sullivan Road Sidewalk Improvements Project	March 2016	Engineering
Safety Shoes/Boots	March 2016	Multiple Departments

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*We Want Your Business*



## *Diversity Outreach*

*The City of Knoxville understands the importance of encouraging Small, Minority-, Women-, Service-Disabled, and Veteran-Owned business participation in the procurement process. The Purchasing Division actively seeks out opportunities to cultivate relationships with local small businesses and makes a concerted effort to ensure that such companies have the information necessary to compete for City business.*

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## *Outreach and Networking Events*



2016 TVBA 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Business and Education Expo  
January 26, 2016 at the Holiday Inn – World's Fair Park,  
Main Ballroom  
[www.jointvba.org](http://www.jointvba.org)



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
SMALL BUSINESS FORUM & EXPO!

<http://smallbusinessconference.energy.gov>