



# SMALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

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## BIDNET DIRECT, CITY'S NEW VENDOR REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The City of Knoxville has implemented a new and improved vendor registration system provided by BidNet Direct. There is NO charge to register, simply follow the registration path and select the "Limited" package. The City of Knoxville utilizes the Tennessee Purchasing Group to post all solicitation opportunities. Select "Tennessee" for your state, enter your information, toggle the advertising option to "OFF," and select "Finalize the registration." Once registered, vendors will receive notifications of matching solicitations and addenda from the City of Knoxville, even when

selecting the free, limited access package. Vendors may opt into one of the other registration options, in order to receive notifications from other Purchasing Groups.

During the registration process, vendors will need to enter basic contact information, select products and services that best match their business, upload their W-9 form used for payment purposes, and select the classification which best describe their business. Among the classifications are small businesses and those owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, and by persons with disabilities.

The City of Knoxville understands the importance of bolstering the participation of DBE's in the procurement process. To that effect, vendors are strongly encouraged to enter their diversity classifications carefully to produce the most optimal email notifications of relevant business opportunities for the products and services they provide. The BidNet Support Team is available by calling 800-835-4603 option 2 for assistance. Vendors may also reach the City of Knoxville's Purchasing Department for assistance by calling 865-215-2070, emailing [purchasing-@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:purchasing-@knoxvilletn.gov), or by visiting our offices at 400 Main St., Room 667, Knoxville, TN 37902, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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

# RECENTLY AWARDED SOLICITATIONS

The City solicits sealed submissions for purchases of \$50,000 or more and requests for quotes for purchases between \$12,500 and \$49,999.99. Purchases below \$12,500 are managed at the discretion by the City's departments. Awards issued within the past 90 days include the following:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Supplier-Diversity Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Transport Van Insert	Truckers Lighthouse - Small business	\$13,965.00
Citywide Street Lighting & High Mast Maintenance	Edison Electric, LLC - Black Owned Small business	\$1,280,000.00
	Progression Electric, LLC - Small business	\$100,000.00
Landscaping Services for Scattered Sites	KMF III Services LLC - Black Owned Small business	\$77,985.44
Parkside Drive Cantilever Signal Supports	Transportation Control Systems, Inc.	\$61,245.00
Tandem Dump Trucks	Stringfellow Inc. - Small business	\$577,058.00
Truck Tractors	Stringfellow Inc. - Small business	\$342,706.62
Closed Top Compactor Trailer	Spector Manufacturing, Inc. - Small business	\$111,410.00
Installation Services of Police Emergency Equipment	Dana Safety Supply	\$132,000.00
Electric Scissor Lift	The Lilly Company	\$18,844.00

# UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS

Description	Projected Bid Date
Burlington Streetscapes Project	March 2023
2023 Resurfacing Phase II Project	Spring 2023
Automatic Gating System for KAT	Spring 2023
Citywide Guardrail Management Program	Spring 2023
Knoxville Urban Wilderness Phase III - James White Parkway Pavilion	Spring 2023
Pedestrian & Bicycle Pavement Marking Project	Spring 2023
Scrap Metal Collection	Spring 2023
Streetlight Utility Damage Prevention Project	Spring 2023
2023 Facilities Paving Project	May 2023
2023 Sidewalk Replacement Phase II Project	June 2023
Future Water Quality Projects	Spring - Summer 2023



Surplus property, including Fleet vehicles, office furniture, appliances, tools, computers, etc, is sold online through [GovDeals Online Auction](https://www.govdeals.com). Interested parties should contact the City's Surplus Property Manager, Tim Woods by calling 865-257-0586 or emailing to [trwoods@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:trwoods@knoxvilletn.gov).

# OUTREACH AND NETWORKING EVENTS



Spring Forward to Cultivate Construction Opportunities by the [East Tennessee Purchasing Association](#) Diversity Business Alliance Committee. Thursday, April 27, 7:30-10:00 a.m. at John T. O'Connor Senior Center, North Addition Conference Room-611 Winona St., Knoxville, TN 37917. General contractors and subcontractors are invited to network with local government agencies. No registration is required.

## SAVE THE DATE

14th Annual Business Opportunities Breakfast by the City of Knoxville. Wednesday, June 21, 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park & Exhibition Center-3301 E. Magnolia Ave., Knoxville, TN 37914.

## SAVE THE DATE

Business Matchmaking Tradeshow by the East Tennessee Purchasing Association. Thursday, July 20 at Rothchild Catering and Conference Center-8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. More details to come at <https://etpanews.org>.



[Incredible Towns](#) host a series of diverse business networking events encompassing western North Carolina and the greater Knoxville and Tri-Cities areas. Events include luncheons and speed networking. Visit the local events [calendar](#) to register.

The City of Knoxville/Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The City of Knoxville/KAT has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the City of Knoxville has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. To view the policy, visit: <https://katbus.com/about-kat/transparency-accountability/>.



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