Bids and Tenders – Vendor Guide



Proponents should contact the Procurement Representative listed below, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the bid closing time and date, if they encounter any problems.

The Bidding System will send a confirmation email to the Bidder advising that their bid was submitted successfully.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact the Procurement Representative immediately.

Contact Telephone: 905-953-5335

Town of Newmarket

Procurement Services Department

Disclaimer: This Vendor User Guide is for general information purposes only. Bidders shall also reference the Bid Document. By using the e-bidding system, the Vendor accepts that the Town of Newmarket has no liability to the Vendor for any problems encountered with the Bidding System or failure of the Bidder to successfully submit a bid prior to the bid closing time and date.

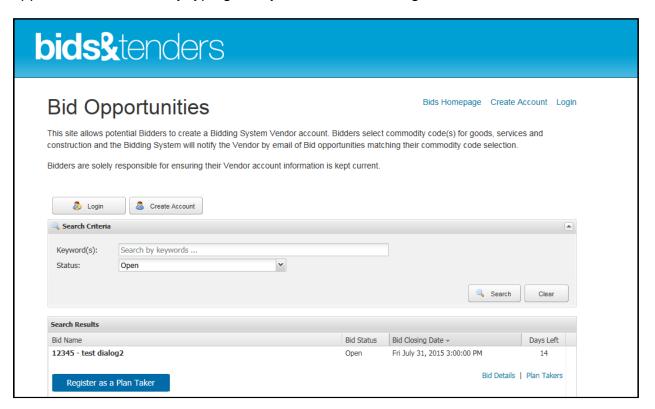
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HOMEPAGE

On the Bid Opportunities homepage, you can search for and view current online bid opportunities. Search by typing in keywords and selecting a bid status.



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BENEFITS TO CREATING AN ACCOUNT

The new https://bids.newmarket.ca website is intuitive and responsive, and will simplify the procurement process for vendors who wish to view and bid on opportunities. Once you register as a vendor, you can download bid documents, submit bids online and receive numerous automated email notifications from the system to keep you up-to-date and informed.

Some of the acclaimed new key features available to vendors include:

- Unlimited access to register for all bid opportunities
- Unlimited use of online submissions, document downloads and addenda notices
- Unlimited category subscription for bid matching
- Instant access to bid results
- Customized vendor dashboard that allows quick access to active opportunities and bid history
- Self-serve profile management
- Ability to add up to 10 contacts to your account
- Ability to register for the Emergency Contact database
- Ability to view all bids by status
- Ability to view details of bids including plan takers, bids submitted and award details

EBIDDING

The new system will allow vendors to submit their bids online in a safe and secure environment.

Some highlights of the eBidding system include:

- Streamlined, fully online process to submit bids
- Bidding anytime and anywhere, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Built in Bid Compliancy Checker for 100% compliant bids
- Digital / electronic bonding
- Online Addendum notices and acknowledgement
- Virtual Public Openings/instant access to unofficial bid results
- No more late bids always online, always accessible
- No more calculation errors all calculations are done automatically
- Reduces amount of effort required from the bidders
- Allows bidders to preview bid documents prior to registering
- Eliminates exclusion of submissions due to geographical location of bidders
- Provides bidders with the flexibility to modify and withdraw bids in advance of the closing date from the comfort of their own computers, from anywhere in the world.

AUTOMATED NOTIFICATIONS

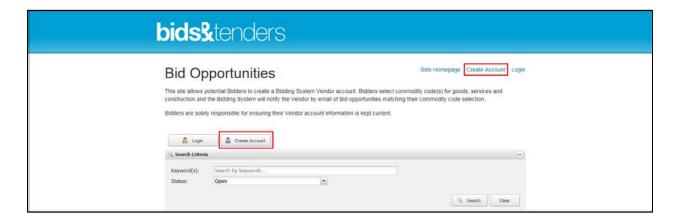
Bids & Tenders e-procurement provides Automated Notifications to Vendors, including:

- New bid opportunity notices
- Addendum notices
- Bid meeting/site meeting notices and reminders
- Bid submission reminders 48 hours/24 hours before closing
- Bid result notification

If you require any assistance in creating an account, please contact us at (905) 953-5335

CREATING AN ACCOUNT

Click the Create Account button on the bid opportunities homepage.



ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

Fill out the fields under the Organization Details Section. Fields with a red asterisk (*) are required fields and must be filled out to successfully create your account.



BECOMING AN EMERGENCY VENDOR

In the event of an emergency, the Procurement Department is developing a Vendor Emergency Contact List. They are interested in receiving emergency contact information that would be useful during an emergency. This is not a commitment to purchase.

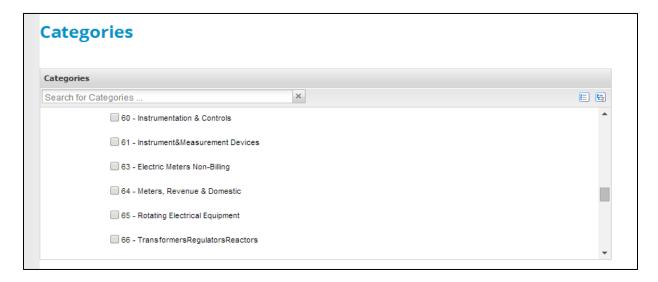
If you would like to be included in the Vendor Emergency Contact List, please click the Yes button. If you would not like to be included in the Vendor Emergency Contact List, click the No button.

If you clicked yes, fill in the specific emergency contact information in the Contacts section.



SUBSCRIBE TO BID CATEGORIES

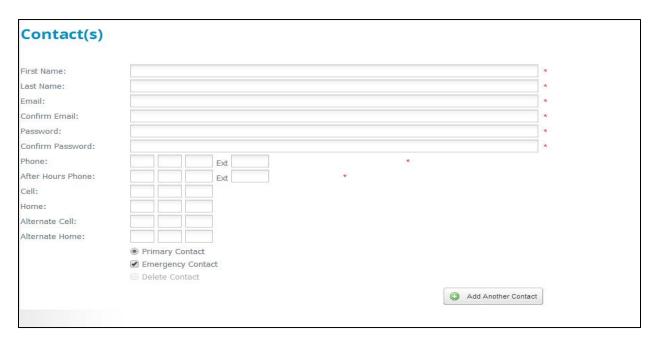
Creating a vendor account allows you to subscribe to bid categories that relate to your company's area of expertise/ services. Check off the categories you would like to subscribe to. You will receive an email notification when a bid opportunity is issued that relates to the category or categories that you are subscribed to. You can subscribe to as many bid categories as you wish.



CONTACT INFORMATION

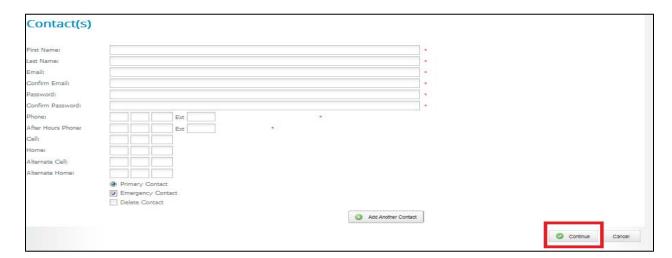
Please identify a key contact from your organization who can be contacted if needed. If you would like to include more than one contact, click on the "Invite Another Contact" button and fill in the person's contact information. You can provide a maximum of 10 contacts under one vendor account.

NOTE: Your password must have at least 6 characters, include 2 uppercase characters, and include 1 special character (example: !, -, *)

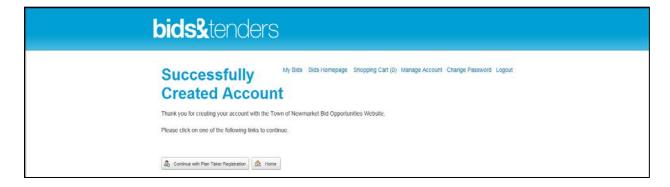


FINISH CREATING ACCOUNT

After you have filled in all of the required information, click the Continue button.

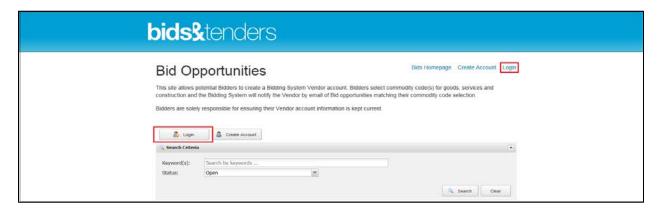


You will be taken to a screen indicating that your vendor account was successfully created.



LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT

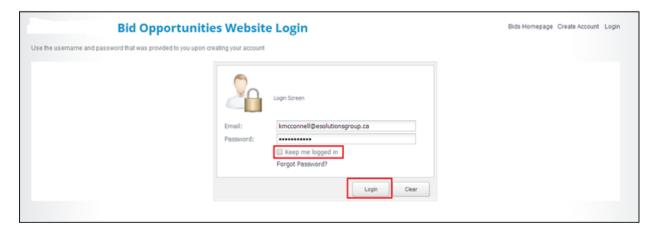
1. Click the Login button on the Bid Opportunities homepage.



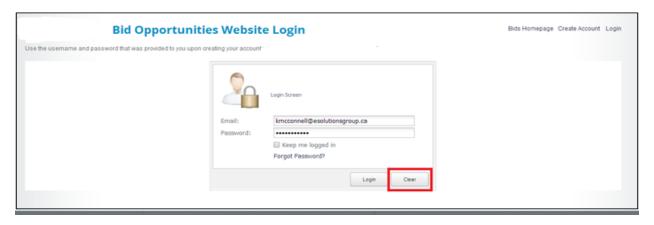
2. You will be taken to the Login page. Please enter your email and password that you provided when setting up your account.



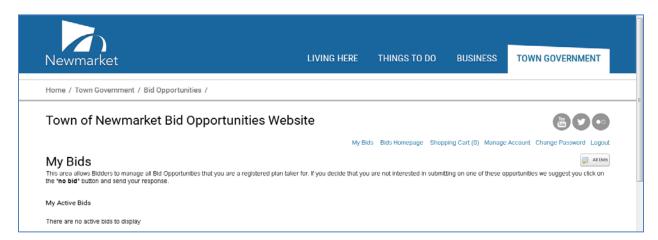
3. Click the Login button. (OPTIONAL - If you click the "Keep me logged in" checkbox, the system will remember your account and you will not have to sign in the next time you visit the Bid Opportunities website.)



4. Click the Clear button to clear your login fields and re-enter your email and password.

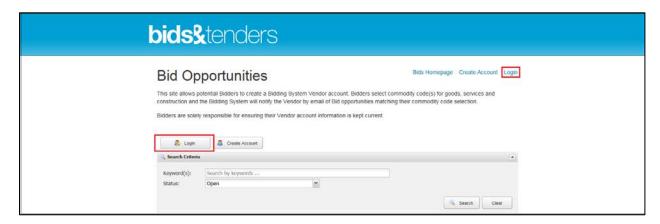


5. Once you are logged in, you should see this homepage- called My Bids Dashboard.

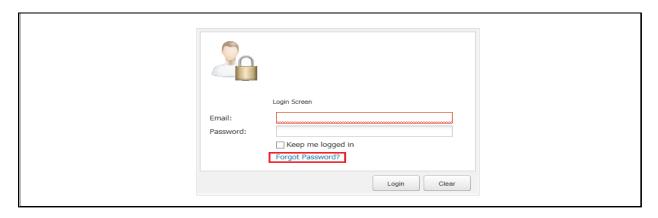


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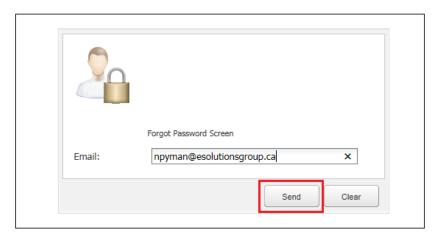
1. Click Login.



2. Click forgot password.

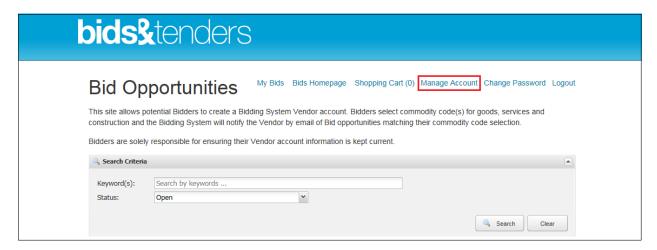


3. Fill in your email address. Then press the send button. You will receive an email that will provide a link to reset your password.

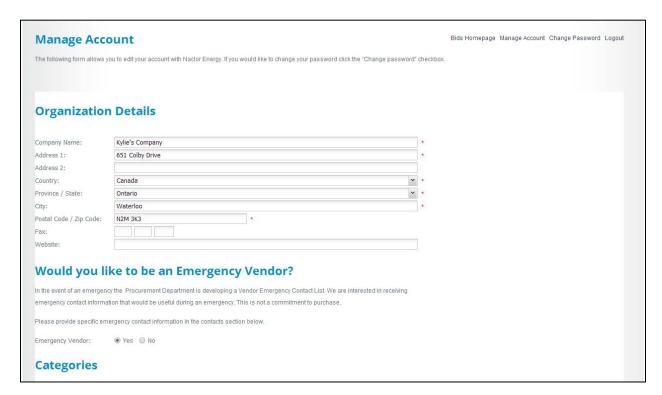


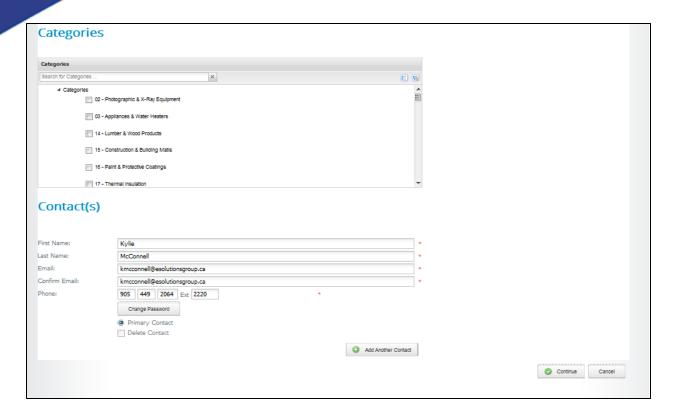
CHANGE ACCOUNT DETAILS

1. Click Manage Account to edit your account settings / information. You must be signed in to change your account details.

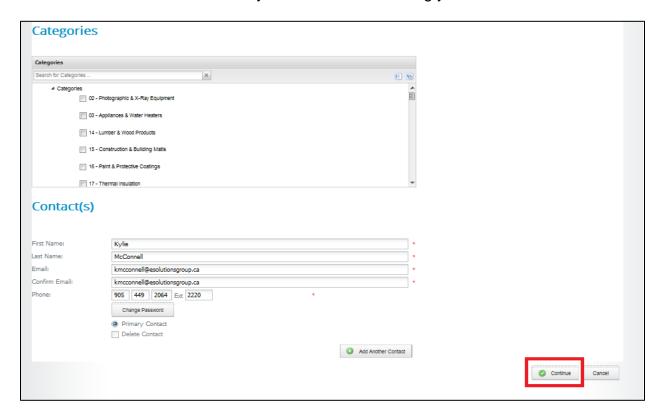


2. Edit your organization details, emergency vendor details, bid categories and contact information as needed. Fields with a red asterisk (*) are required fields and must be filled out to ensure the changes you made to your account details are saved.



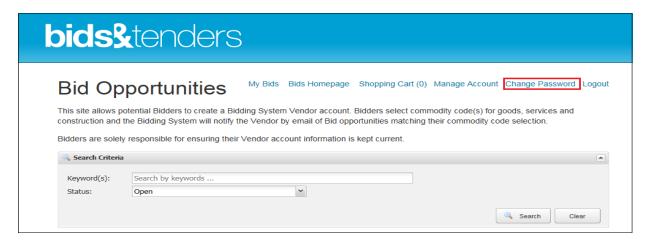


3. Click the Continue button after you have finished editing your account details.

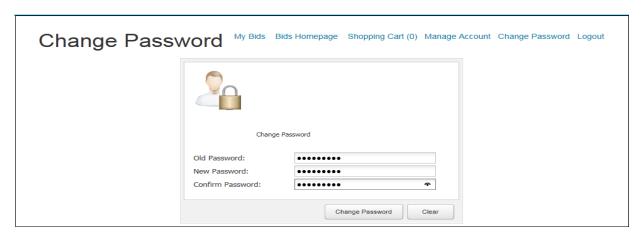


CHANGE PASSWORD

1. Click the Change Password button on the homepage. You must be signed in.



2. Enter your old password. Then enter your new password and confirm your new password.

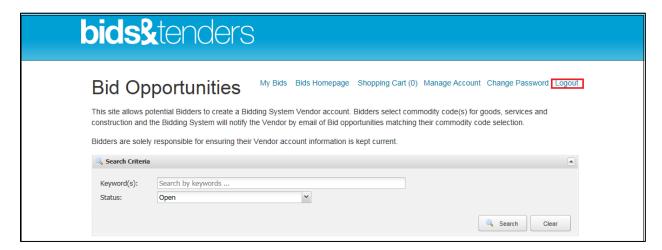


3. Click the Change Password button after you have provided your new password.



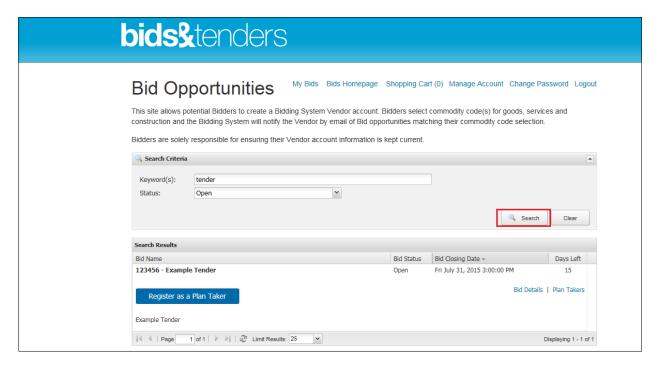
LOGOUT

Click the Logout button in the top right hand side of the Bid Opportunities website homepage to log out of your account.



SEARCH FOR BID OPPORTUNITIES

Once you have logged into your account, go to Bids Homepage to search for and view current online bid opportunities. Search by typing in keywords and selecting a bid status. Click search to generate your results.



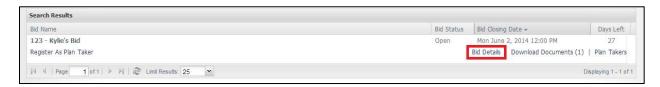
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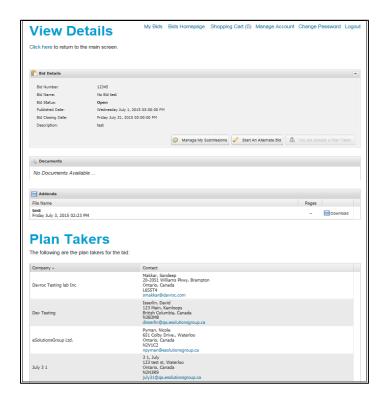
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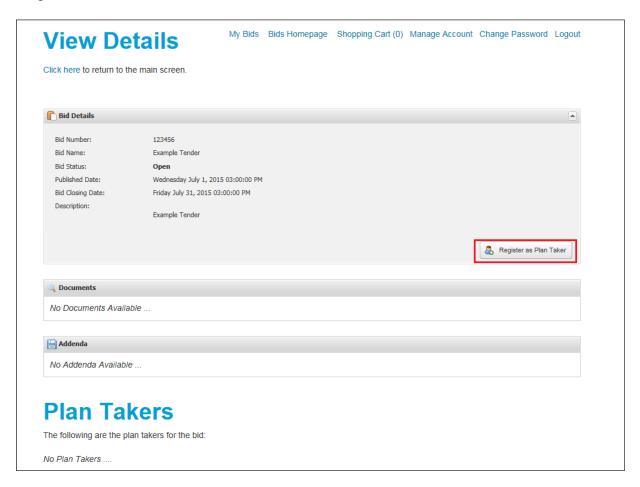
1. To view specific details pertaining to a bid, click on the Bid Details button.



- 2. On the bid details page, you will be able to see:
 - Bid Number
 - Full Bid Name
 - Bid Status
 - Published Date
 - Closing Date
 - Bid Description
 - Specification documents
 - Issued Addenda
 - Team Members (Purchasing staff managing the bid opportunity. It is up to the purchaser if they would like to share this information with the public.)
 - Plan Takers (Other vendors that have registered as a plan taker for this bid opportunity. It is up to the purchaser if they would like to share this information with the public.)

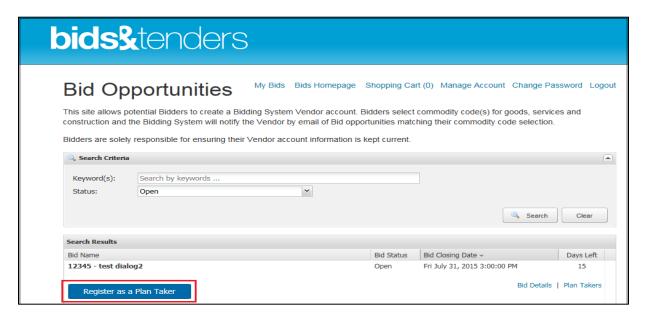


3. If you know that you would like to register as a plan taker for the bid, click the Register as Plan Taker button.

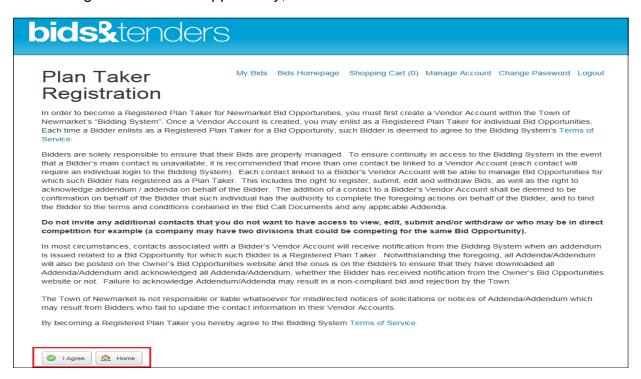


REGISTER FOR A BID

1. Once you have found a bid opportunity that you would like to register for, click "Register As Plan Taker".

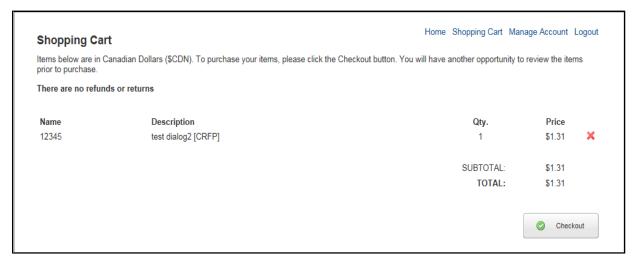


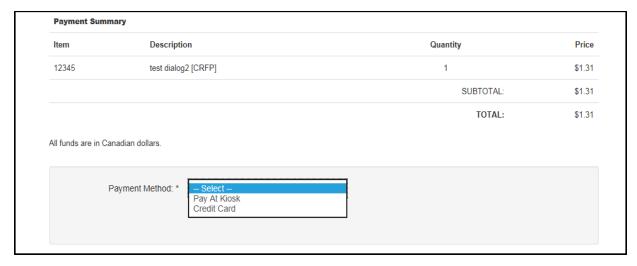
2. You will be taken to the Terms or Service and Disclaimer page. After reading the Terms of Service and Disclaimer, click the I Agree button to continue. If you no longer want to register for the bid opportunity, click Home.



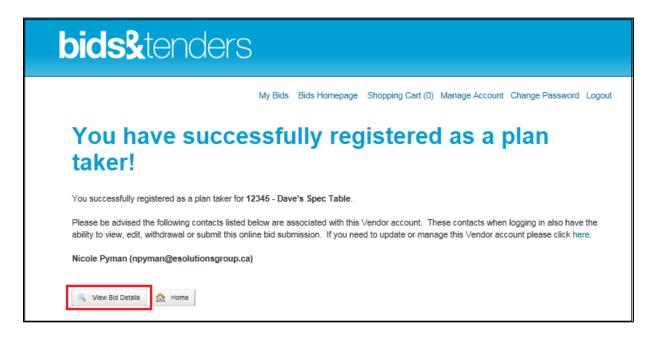
3. You will be required to pay for the bid document and submitting online. Fill in the information as needed.







4. You will then be directed to another screen confirming you have successfully registered as a plan taker. If you are not required to pay for the bid document, you will be taken directly to this confirmation page after agreeing to the terms of service.

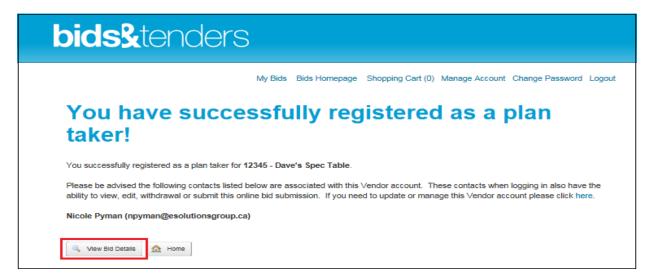


5. You will also receive an automated email confirming you have been successfully registered as a plan taker. Please refer to section Register for a Bid, Item #2 on page 24 for the language of having multiple contacts on your vendor account.

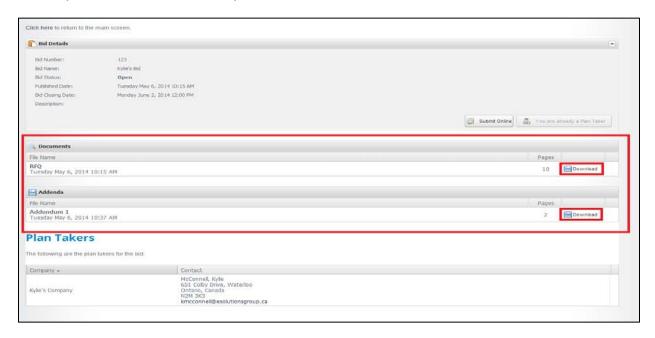
SUBMITTING A BID ONLINE

PLANTAKER

1. After you have agreed to the Terms of Service and successfully registered as a plan taker, click the View Bid Details button.



2. Ensure you scroll down to find any documents or addenda that have been issued. You can download any documents or addenda associated with the bid opportunity by clicking the Download button. The Plan Takers list may or may not be displayed based on the purchaser's decision to publish the list or not.

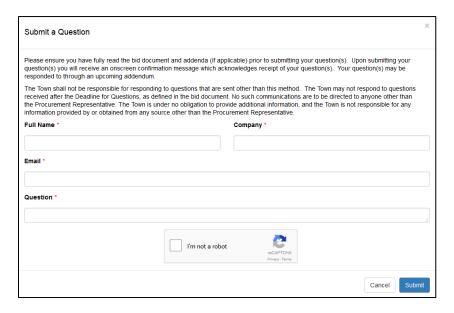


ASK A QUESTION

3. If a Bidder needs to address any discrepancies, errors and/or omissions in the Bid Document, or if they be in doubt as to any part thereof they shall submit questions in writing through Newmarket's Bid Opportunities website using the "Submit a Question" link associated with the bid opportunity. This can be found on the Bids and Tenders homepage next to the "Register for this Bid".



You must complete the mandatory fields then click on "Submit".



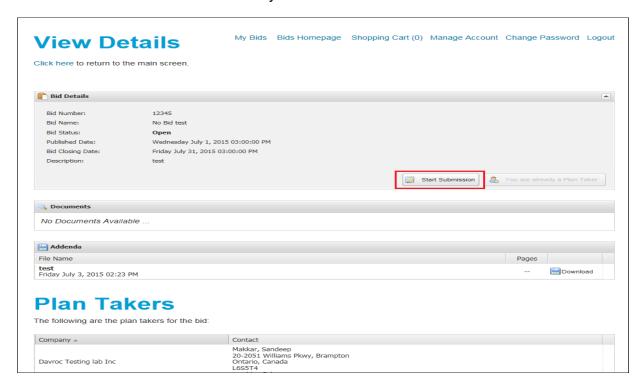
If you have successfully submitted the question a confirmation pop-up will appear.



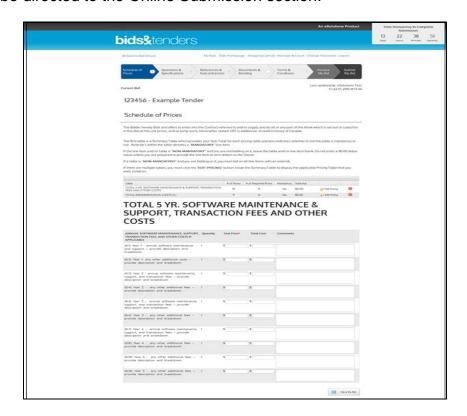
The Owner shall not be responsible for responding to questions that are sent other than this method. The Owner may not respond to questions received after the Deadline for Questions, as stated in the Bid Document. No such communications are to be directed to anyone other than the Procurement representative. The Owner is under no obligation to provide additional information, and the Owner is not responsible for any information provided by or obtained from any source other than by written addendum issued by the Procurement Representative.

START SUBMISSION

4. Click Start Submission to submit your bid.

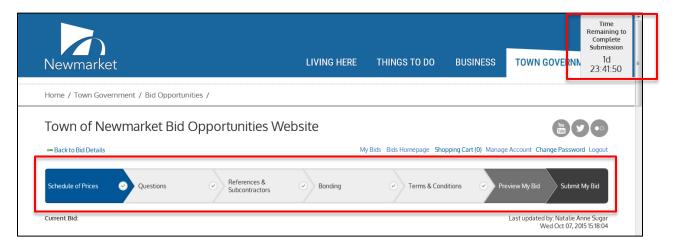


5. You will be directed to the Online Submission section.



SCHEDULE OF PRICES

6. The bar at the top of the page will indicate your progress, and the time remaining to complete your submission will be indicated in the top right corner of the page. The check mark indicates that the page has been completed, and the red exclamation mark indicates that the page has not yet been completed. Note: The progress bar will vary dependant on each Bid Document's requirements.



7. Fill out the required text fields within the bid table. When inputting your unit price, the total field will automatically calculate.

Red asterisks (*) within the table denotes a "MANDATORY" line item. This would need to be completed in order to successfully submit your bid.

The first table is a Summary Table which provides your Sub-Total for each pricing table and also indicates whether or not the table is mandatory or not. Asterisk's within the table denotes a "MANDATORY" line item.

If the line item and/or table is "NON-MANDATORY" and you are not bidding on it, leave the table and/or line item blank. Do not enter a \$0.00 dollar value unless you are prepared to provide the line item at zero dollars to the Owner.

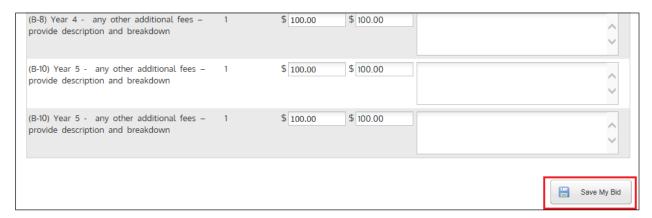
If a table is "NON-MANDATORY" and you are bidding on it, you must bid on all line items with an asterisk.

If there are multiple tables, you must click the "EDIT PRICING" button inside the Summary Table to display the applicable Pricing Table that you wish to bid on.

TOTAL 5 YR. SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT, TRANSACTION FEES AND OTHER COSTS

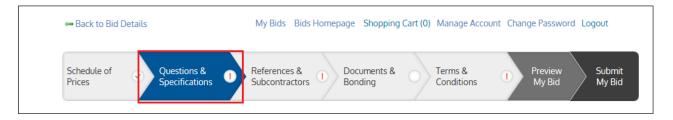
| ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, TRANSACTION FEES, AND OTHER COSTS IF APPLICABLE | Quantity | Unit Price* | Total Cost | Comments |
|---|----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| (B-1) Year 1 - annual software maintenance and support – provide description and breakdown | 1 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | [©] |
| (B-2) Year 1- any other additional costs – provide description and breakdown | 1 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | Ĉ |
| (B-3) Year 2 - annual software maintenance, support, and transaction fees – provide description and breakdown | 1 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | Ĉ |

8. When all of the required fields have been completed, click Save My Bid.

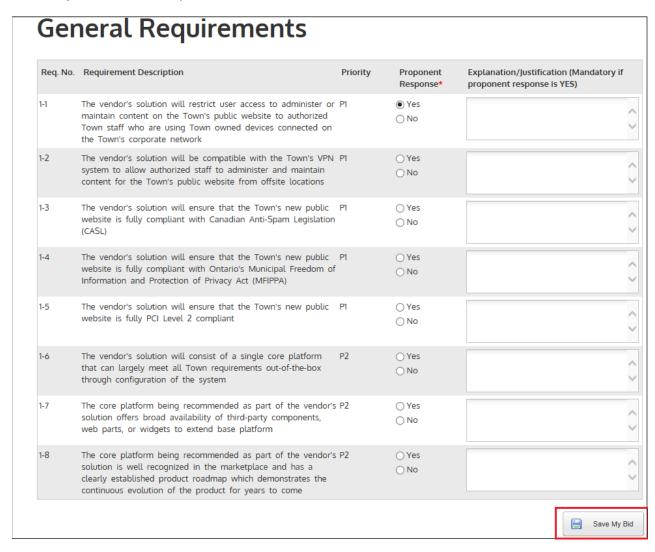


QUESTIONS & SPECIFICATIONS

9. Click Questions & Specifications on the top progress bar to continue. (The progress bar will vary dependant on each Bid Document's requirements.)



10. Please provide answers to any required questions asked by the purchaser and click Save My Bid when complete.



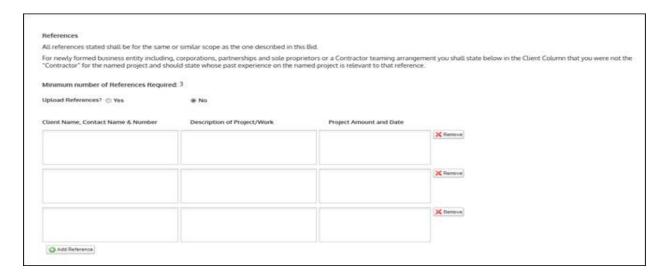
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REFERENCES & SUBCONTRACTORS

11. Click on References & Subcontractors on the top progress bar to continue. (The progress bar will vary dependant on each Bid Document's requirements).



12. This will bring you to the References section:

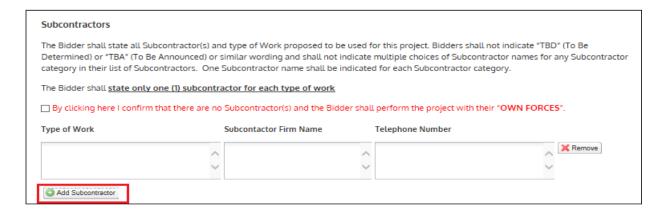


- 13. In this section you have two (2) options:
 - Upload your own reference page, click Yes, and click browse to find the required reference, or
 - II. Type directly in the fields provided.
- 14. Add your references by providing the company name, company contact and the contact's phone number, description of project/work, and the project amount and date.

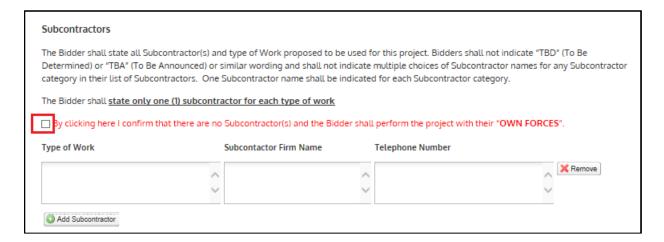
You can remove the reference at any time by clicking Remove.



15. If you will be using subcontractors, fill out the necessary boxes. To add additional subcontractors, click Add Subcontractor.



16. If you will not be using subcontractors, click the "confirm no Subcontractors" box.



DOCUMENTS & BONDING

17. Click on Documents & Bonding on the top progress bar to continue. (The progress bar will vary dependant on each Bid Document's requirements).



18. In the Documents section you can upload your bid document and any additional documents you would like to include with your online submission.

To upload a document, follow these steps:

- a) Click on the browse button to locate the file on your computer or network
- b) Click the upload button
- c) After the file has been successfully uploaded, a link to the document will appear on the screen, along with the time/date that it was uploaded.
- d) If you need to remove the document, click the remove button next to the document name.

If you would like to remove a document from your submission, click Remove. When you have uploaded all of your documents, click Save My Bid at the bottom of the page.



19. Bonding Upload Section

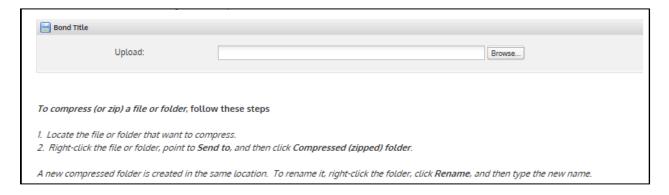
Bidders shall submit with their on-line bid either a Digital copy (preferred) or Scanned copy of both the Bid Deposit in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the Sub Total Contract Amount and An Undertaking to provide a Bond or a Letter of Credit in the amount of fifty (50%) of the Sub Total Contract Bid Amount, in one of the following two options:

Option #1

A Digital Bid Bond & Undertaking to Bond (preferred by the owner)

Option # 2

A scanned Bid Bond & Undertaking to Bond – (pdf)



- 20. To compress (or zip) a file or folder:
 - a) Locate the file or folder that you want to compress.
 - b) Right-click the file or folder, point to **send to**, and then click **Compressed** (**zipped**) **folder**.

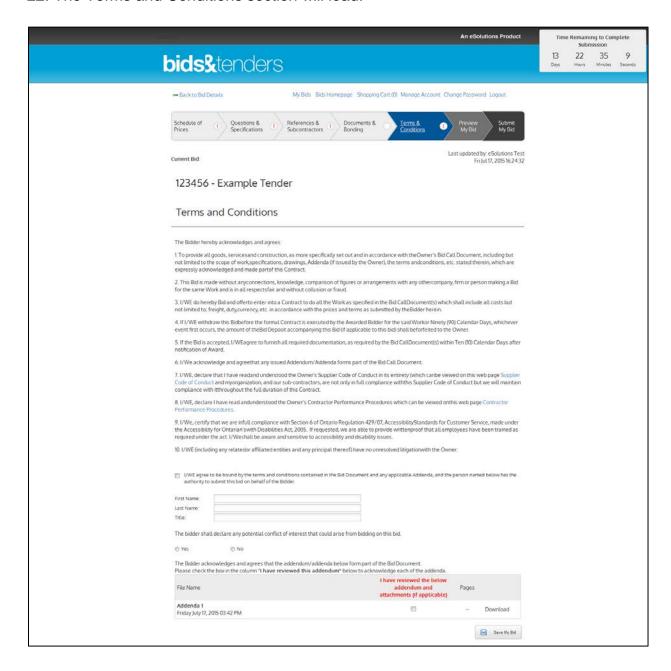
A new compressed folder is created in the same location. To rename it, right-click the folder, click **Rename**, and then type the new name.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

21. Click on Terms & Conditions on the top progress bar to continue.



22. The Terms and Conditions section will load:



23. After reading the Terms of Service and Disclaimer, check off the box to agree to the terms and indicate that you are able to submit to the bid on behalf of your company. Enter your first and last name in the text box. Check off yes or no to indicate if there is any potential conflict of interest. If yes, a comment box will appear for you to indicate in more detail the potential conflict. Next, check off the box to acknowledge you have reviewed any addendum and attachments if applicable.

| | | | Save My Bid | | | |
|--|---|--|-------------|--|--|--|
| Addenda 1 Friday July 17, 2 | 015 03:42 PM | V | Download | | | |
| File Name | | I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable) | Pages | | | |
| The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document. Please check the box in the column " I have reviewed this addendum " below to acknowledge each of the addenda. | | | | | | |
| ○ Yes | No | | | | | |
| The bidder shall declare any potential conflict of interest that could arise from bidding on this bid. | | | | | | |
| Title: | Mrs. | | | | | |
| Last Name: | Smith | | | | | |
| First Name: | Nicole | | | | | |
| I/WE agree to be bound by the terms and conditions contained in the Bid Document and any applicable Addenda, and the person named below has the authority to submit this bid on behalf of the Bidder. | | | | | | |
| 10. I/WE (includ | ing any relatedor affiliated entities and any principal thereof) ha | ve no unresolved litigationwith the Owne | er. | | | |
| 9. I/We, certify that we are infull compliance with Section 6 of Ontario Regulation 429/07, AccessibilityStandards for Customer Service, made under the Accessibility for Ontarian's with Disabilities Act, 2005. If requested, we are able to provide writtenproof that all employees have been trained as required under the act. I/Weshall be aware and sensitive to accessibility and disability issues. | | | | | | |
| | 8. I/WE, declare I have read and understood the Owner's Contractor Performance Procedures which can be viewed on this web page Contractor Performance Procedures. | | | | | |
| page Supplier C | 7. I/WE, declare that I have readand understood the Owner's Supplier Code of Conduct in its entirety (which canbe viewed on this web page Supplier Code of Conduct and myorganization, and our sub-contractors, are not only in full compliance withthis Supplier Code of Conduct but we will maintain compliance with itthroughout the full duration of this Contract. | | | | | |
| 6. I/We acknow | ledge and agreethat any issued Addendum/Addenda forms par | of the Bid Call Document. | | | | |

PREVIEW MY BID

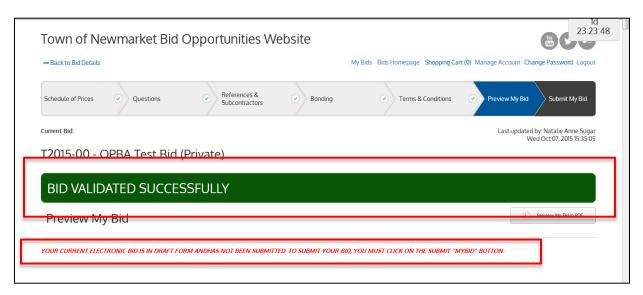
24. Click Preview My Bid to view an HTML version of your bid submission.



25. An HTML version of your bid submission will be generated. Look over your bid submission preview to ensure all details are accurate. The system automatically will check your bid and if all the mandatory requirements were completed- your bid would be validated successfully

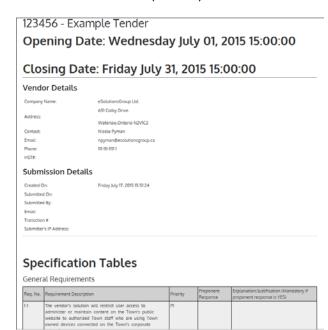
*Your current electronic bid is in draft form and has not been submitted.

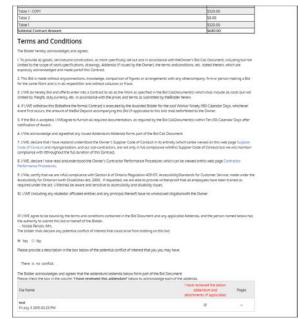
To submit your bid, you must click on the "Submit My Bid" button.



* Should your bid submission have any warnings or error messages, please see #27.

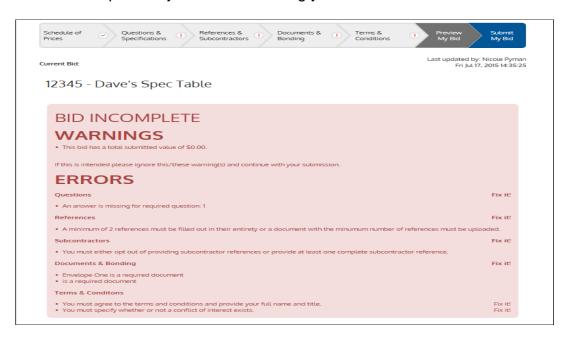
26. Preview of Bid (HTML)





ERRORS WITH BID SUBMISSION

- 27. After clicking the Preview My Bid button to validate your bid submission, you may see a red box, indicating "Warnings" or "Errors".
 - A warning does not prevent you from submitting your bid. Please review this
 warning to ensure this was an intended action, and then continue with your
 submission.
 - An error will prevent you from submitting your bid submission.



28. The error details will be listed. You may be missing some required details/sections for your submission. Click on the Fix It button to the right of the error to go straight to the section you need to complete and fill in your missing details.

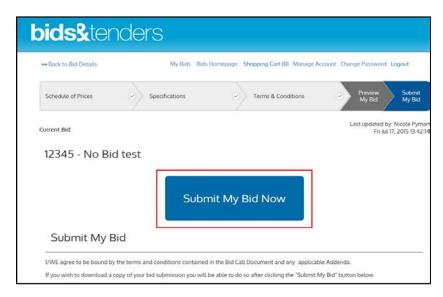


SUBMIT MY BID

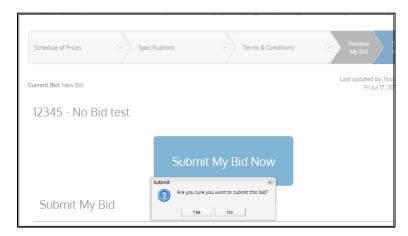
29. Once you have corrected the errors, click Preview My Bid to validate your bid. If your bid has been validated successfully, you can now proceed to submit your bid.



30. Once you are satisfied with your submission and would like to process your bid submission, Click **Submit My Bid Now.**



31. The Confirm Submit pop-up box will appear. Click Yes to submit your bid. Click Cancel if you are not ready to submit.



32. You will be taken to a page that indicates your submission was completed and successfully submitted to the purchaser.

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Online Submissions Confirmation

A confirmation email has been automatically sent.

You can download a copy of your completed submission by clicking on the button below. Prior to the closing date and time, you can come back and make changes to your bid by editing it. By editing your bid you are withdrawing it from the electronic bidding system. You can re-submit your bid but it must be received by the Bidding System no later than 3:00:00 p.m. (15:00:00) local time, on the bid closing date.

Please be advised that if the Owner issues an addenda the Bidding System shall <u>reject their bid</u> submission and change their bid to an INCOMPLETE STATUS (not accepted by the Owner). The Bidder is solely responsible to make any required adjustments to their bid (if required by the addendum/addenda) and acknowledge the new addendum/addenda when the Bidder re-submits their bid through the Bidding System.

B Download a copy of your submission

- 33. You will also receive an automated email informing you that your bid was successfully submitted.
- * If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact the Procurement Representative immediately at (905) 953-5335
- 34. Click the Download a copy of your submission icon to download a PDF version of your submission.

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EDITING YOUR BID SUBMISSION

1. Go to the My Bids page. Find the bid opportunity that you wish to edit and click on Edit or Withdraw My Submission.

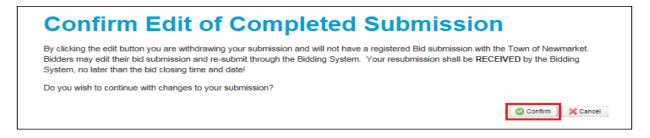


2. Click Edit Submission.

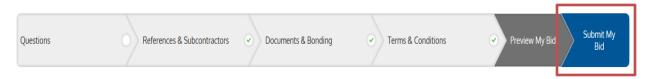
 By clicking the edit button, you are withdrawing your submission and will not have a registered submission with the Town of Newmarket. Bidders may edit their bid submission and re-submit through the Bidding System prior to the bid closing time and date.



4. Click on Confirm to withdraw you submission and begin edits.

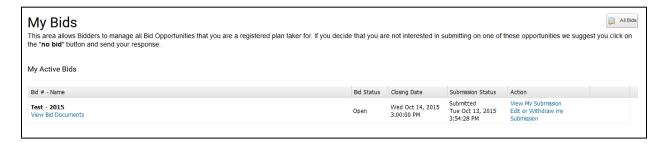


- 5. You will receive an automated email informing you that your bid has been withdrawn.
- 6. Edit the sections as required. When you are ready to submit, go to Submit My Bid.



WITHDRAWING YOUR SUBMISSION

1. Go to the My Bids page. Find the bid opportunity that you wish to withdraw and click on Edit or Withdraw My Submission.



- 2. Click on Withdraw Submission to withdraw your bid submission.
 - By clicking the withdrawal button you are withdrawing your submission and will not have a registered submission with the Town of Newmarket.



3. You will receive an automated email informing you that your bid submission has been successfully withdrawn.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What Is Newmarket's Bid Opportunities System?

The Corporation of the Town of Newmarket uses an Online Bidding System for all Bid Opportunities. This system allows for vendors to preview bid documents (prior to paying any document fees, where applicable), register as a plan taker, acknowledge addendums, edit, submit and/or withdraw bid submissions and resubmit as required. Vendors are encouraged to create a free account to receive e-mail notifications of any Bid Opportunities matching their organization's commodity type.

2. Does The Town Of Newmarket Accept Paper Bids?

No, the Town of Newmarket only accepts electronic bid submissions through the Newmarket Bidding System website, unless otherwise stated in the Bid Document.

3. Does The Town Of Newmarket Have Public Openings?

The Town of Newmarket no longer has public openings. Unofficial results are posted on the Bid Opportunities website shortly after bid closing.

4. Does The Procurement Department Have Instant Access To My Bid?

No, the Bidding System places all bid submissions into a virtual lock box where they cannot be viewed by Town Officials until after the closing date and time.

5. How Do I View Bid Opportunities?

All Bid Opportunities can be viewed on the <u>Bid Opportunities Home Page</u>. To view current opportunities, select the "Open" status in the Search Criteria and click Search. To view previously awarded bids, unofficial results, and archived bids, you are able to do so through the status column in the search function.

6. How Do I Create An Account?

Vendors are encouraged to create a **free** vendor account <u>here</u>.

If there is another individual(s) in the organization who require access to view, edit, acknowledge addendums, submit and/or withdraw bids on your behalf – they can be added by click on the "add another contact" button once a primary account has been created.

When creating a Vendor Account **DO NOT** invite additional contacts that you **DO NOT** want to have access to view, edit, submit and/or withdraw your bids or who may be in

direct competition (for example; a company may have two divisions that could be competing for the same Bid Opportunity).

It is your sole responsibility to keep your additional invited contact(s) current and delete any contacts that you **DO NOT** want to have ability to submit, edit and/or withdraw your company bid submissions (for example; delete any contact that is no longer employed with your company).

7. How Do I Check If My Company Already Has An Account?

An organization can have numerous contacts under the company profile. Once a primary account has been created, the organization has the option to add multiple users who will have the same access to the bid opportunities site. Accounts are associated with your e-mail address.

If you are unsure if your company has an account, please contact the Procurement Services Department at (905) 953-5335. This will ensure there is no duplication in the system.

8. How Will Vendors Get Up-To-Date Information About New Bid Opportunities?

Once an account has been created on the Bid Opportunities website, vendors will automatically received e-mail notifications matching their commodity code selection.

9. Is There A Cost To Submit Online?

Prospective bidders may preview all bid documents at no cost to determine if the Bid is of interest to their company. The price of bid documents varies depending on the bid opportunity. The price of the bid document is displayed in "Bid Details" (excluding any applicable taxes).

10. How Do I Pay For My Bid Document?

When registering to become a plan taker, you will be prompted to a payment screen. The Town of Newmarket accepts VISA and MasterCard.

11. How Do I Register As A Plan Taker?

To register as a plan taker, you must first create an account <u>here</u>. Once you have created a vendor account, go to the Bids Homepage and scroll down to the bid opportunities. You will be able to click on the "Register for this Bid" button. A fee for the bid document will be required depending on the bid opportunity.

12. What Are The System Requirements?

Newmarket's Bidding System is accessible to anyone with a computer and a reliable Internet connection. For **optimal browser compatibility**, please use Firefox or Google Chrome.

13. How Do I Know Addendum/Addenda Have Been Issued?

All Addendum/Addenda shall be issued through the Bidding System. All registered plan takers shall receive an e-mail notification advising that addendum/addenda have been posted. If the Bidder has already submitted their bid, the Bidding System will automatically **withdraw** their submission and change the status of their submission to an "Incomplete Status" (NOT accepted by the Owner).

Bidders should check online at http://bids.newmarket.ca prior to submitting their bid and up until Bid closing time and date in the event additional addendums are issued.

14. Am I Able To Make Changes Or Withdraw My Bid After I've Submitted?

Bidders may edit or withdraw their bid submission at any time prior to the closing time and date.

15. What Is Stopping Me From Submitting A Bid?

If you are having difficulty submitting a bid, please check the following:

- 1. Ensure you are using the recommended Internet Browsers: Firefox or Google Chrome
- 2. In the submission, every tab must have a green checkmark indicating that all the mandatory requirements have been completed. If a field has been missed, there will be a red exclamation mark.
- 3. In the "Preview My Bid" Tab, a red box will appear indicating warnings and errors in the bid submission. By clicking "Fix it!" button the system will direct you to the error's location.

If you try to process your bid submission past the closing date/time, you will receive a message stating that you have missed the deadline and your bid cannot be accepted.

If you still experience any difficulties, please contact the Procurement Services Department at (905) 953-5335.

16. How Do I Know I Have Successfully Submitted My Bid?

Bidders will automatically receive an e-mail notification confirming their bid submission.

If you wish to download a copy of your bid submission, you will be able to after clicking the "Submit My Bid" button.

17. How Can I See The Status Of The Bid?

To see the status of the bid, go to the search engine on the <u>Bid Opportunities website</u> - Change the status to "All" and enter the Bid Number. The status of a bid will be indicated under "Bid Details".

18. Can Other Vendors See That I've Submitted A Bid?

Prior to bid closing, only a list of plan takers will be available. Once the bid has closed, a summary of bid submissions, plan takers and award results (if available) are posted in the Bid Details section after the bid.

19. Who Do I Contact If I Am Having Issues Submitting?

If you experience any difficulties, please contact the Procurement Services Department at **(905) 953-5335**.