



Attention: Vendors and Contractors

Subject: Vital change to how you do business with Elgin County

bids&tenders™ is coming to Elgin County

On January 29, 2018, Elgin County will introduce [bids&tenders](#), a remarkable bidding service that makes it easy for you to review, register and submit bids for goods and services online, 24/7. The County will join hundreds of purchasing agencies who have already made the switch.

The County will transition to using bids&tenders™ in two phases. Starting January 29, 2018 as part of Phase 1:

- Bid documents posted before Jan 29 will continue to be available on Biddingo.
- Bid documents issued on or after Jan 29 will be posted on bids&tenders™ for viewing and downloading.
- **Submission of bids will continue to be in-person and by mail or courier.** The electronic submission of bids will be introduced in the Spring of 2018 as part of Phase 2.

Subscription

You will need to subscribe to bids&tenders™ to download bid documents and receive notifications about new County of Elgin bid opportunities.

Subscription to bids&tenders™ *unlimited* is just \$165/year. Pay once and access all agencies using bids&tenders™ in Canada. A one-time, pay-per-bid option is also available at \$45/bid.

[See all open bids](#) on the system even without a subscription, then once you've subscribed, you can make unlimited bids and never pay another fee all year.*

Free webinar demo

[Register to join an online demonstration](#) of the new platform.

Learn how to create a vendor account; explore the vendor dashboard; view and find bid opportunities; submit and withdraw a bid; and manage your bid history.

Bid management tools

bids&tenders™ gives you access to valuable and convenient bidding tools, including:

- 100% electronic submission
- A secure, custom dashboard
- Category selection, so you only see the bids you want
- Automated email notifications of new bid opportunities, including addenda
- Automated confirmation when your bid has been submitted, received, or withdrawn
- Ability to work on a bid, save your work, and see the bid closing countdown in real time

- Ability to withdraw and change your bid, then resubmit if desired
- Built-in calculator that does the math for you, eliminating calculation errors
- Built-in compliancy checker so your bids are not rejected for incomplete information
- Built-in reminders sent to you if a bid has been started but not submitted

[Subscribe now to bids&tenders™](#) and never miss another bid deadline; be confident that your bid is complete every time; and say goodbye to calculation errors.

Questions

For more information on bids&tenders™, contact the following:

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You can also visit www.bidsandtenders.ca to learn about the benefits of the new procurement platform for you.

Bonus

Your subscription also gives you access to bid opportunities for hundreds of purchasing agencies and thousands of bids across North America, including:

- government
- education
- energy
- police
- health organizations
- school boards

Bid with confidence with [bids&tenders™](#)

*Other purchasing agencies may charge their own individual bid submission fee; however, bids&tenders™ *unlimited* never charges you beyond your annual fee to view, subscribe to, and submit limitless bids on its system.