Attention: Contractors and Vendors

Subject: Vital change to how you do business with the City of St. Thomas

Date: December 6, 2017

bids&tenders™ is coming in January!

The City of St. Thomas is introducing <u>bids&tenders™</u>, a remarkable bidding service that makes it easy for you to review, register and submit bids for goods and services online, 24/7. We're joining hundreds of purchasing agencies who have already made the switch.

You will need to <u>subscribe to bids&tenders™</u> as a vendor to continue receiving and submitting bids to the City of St. Thomas.

How it works

Subscribe, create your profile, select your categories and notifications, and bid. It's that easy.

Subscription

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.

<u>See all open bids</u> on the system even without a subscription, then once you've subscribed, you can make unlimited bids and never pay another fee all year.*

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- Automated confirmation when your bid has been submitted, received, or withdrawn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 never rejected for incomplete information
- Built-in reminders sent to you if a bid has been started but not submitted

<u>Subscribe now to bids&tenders™</u> and never miss another bid deadline; be confident that your bid is complete every time; and say goodbye to calculation errors.

Online demo

Register to attend an online demonstration of the new system.

Register for a webinar here

Questions

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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 <u>bids&tenders™</u>

*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.