



VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENT IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHANGE TO ELECTRONIC BIDDING SYSTEM

Dear City of Columbia, SC Registered Bidders:

The City of Columbia's Department of Procurement and Contracts is proud to announce the upcoming launch of our new eProcurement system, [eBidcolumbiasc](http://ebidcolumbiasc.net). This new web based eBidding system will offer many new features including, but not limited to:

- Ability to easily update and change your registration information
- Ability to view, open solicitation without logging into the system
- Real time access to bid notifications, amendments and final award information
- Electronic confirmation emails after each bid submission
- Ability for multiple customer users within the same company to register to receive access to the system
- Access to links to view other public procurement entities bid opportunities
- Many other features to further improve your online bidding experience

If you are interested in remaining on the City of Columbia's vendor listing and wish to continue to receive electronic bid notifications, you will need to register in this new system. Over the next few weeks, [eBidcolumbiasc](http://ebidcolumbiasc.net) will be open for bidder registrations only. Please click on the attached link to begin the registration process hosted by Ionwave Technologies, Inc.: <https://columbiasc.ionwave.net>. You will need to enter your federal identification number (FEIN) or social security number prior to completing your registration. The registration process should only take between 5-10 minutes.

Our go-live date for [eBidcolumbiasc](http://ebidcolumbiasc.net) has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017. Please register as soon as possible and no later than March 31st in order to have seamless and uninterrupted access to our bid notifications. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact our office at 803-545-4359 or 803-545-3470. You may also email our Bid Technician, Anita Higgins, at ashigqins@columbiasc.net.

Thank you for being a valued business partner with the City of Columbia!

Sincerely,

Sandra A. Wright, Director/Purchasing Agent
Department of Procurement and Contracts