

### The State of Oklahoma needs YOU and your business!

State government is fiscally responsible for bringing the best value to our state. We do this by soliciting and purchasing quality products and services at the most competitive prices. We encourage you to join the thousands of businesses currently providing goods and services to Oklahoma state government. We hope the information below helps bridge the connection.

#### HOW CAN MY BUSINESS BE INVOLVED?

Oklahoma state entities routinely solicit for goods and services to meet their needs. Procurement solicitation opportunities are posted in the Supplier Portal under Public Bidding Events as well as on individual state agency websites. Additionally, state government solicits and awards statewide contracts for a broad range of goods and services available to all state government entities. Award of a statewide contract significantly reduces the need for direct sales and repeat competitive solicitation response.

### WHY SHOULD I REGISTER WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA?

Registering as a bidder will allow your organization to be notified when the State of Oklahoma has opportunities for the purchase of specific goods and services that align with the business categories selected during the registration process. Initially, an entity can register as a bidder by providing name, company name, category code(s) and email address. Bidders will need to register for at least one category code to be sent bid notifications. Prior to contract award, a bidder must complete supplier registration. Additional information required **after registration** prior to contract award includes but is not limited to:

- Active business registration or exemption with the Oklahoma Secretary of State.
- Active sales and use permit with the Oklahoma Tax Commission.
- Certificate of Liability Insurance.
- Direct deposit enrollment.

#### WHERE DO I FIND OKLAHOMA PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION OPPORTUNITIES?

Solicitation opportunities through OMES Central Purchasing can be accessed by logging into the Oklahoma Supplier Portal at <u>https://oklahoma.</u> gov/omes/divisions/central-purchasing/suppliersand-payees/supplier-portal.html and selecting Public Bidding Events. Some state agencies post the solicitations issued under the agency's authority on their individual agency webpages.

# WHERE CAN I REVIEW AVAILABLE STATEWIDE CONTRACTS?

To view current statewide contracts, select the Statewide Contracts tab at <u>https://oklahoma.gov/omes/</u> <u>divisions/central-purchasing/solicitations/about.html</u>.

# HOW DO I BECOME A SUPPLIER ON A STATEWIDE CONTRACT?

While some statewide contracts are supplemented as new suppliers enter the market or if the available suppliers are not able to meet demand, generally, once a contract has been established, no supplier can be added to it. If and when the contract comes up for rebid, you would have the opportunity to respond to the open solicitation to become one of the awarded vendors.

If you have questions about when a statewide contract is anticipated to be rebid, please contact the relevant category manager listed on the opposite side of this handout.

If you have questions that haven't been answered here, please email <u>central.purchasing@omes.ok.gov</u>.

### **CATEGORY MANAGERS**



ASHA PARKS Category Manager asha.parks@omes.ok.gov 405-521-6674 Commodities managed: Medical, food and vehicles.



BARRY TIMBERLAKE Category Manager barry.timberlake@omes.ok.gov 405-521-6721 Commodities managed: Information technology.



DARLENE SALTZMAN Category Manager darlene.saltzman@omes.ok.gov 405-521-6667 Commodities managed: Construction and law enforcement.



GLENDA CAUDLE Category Manager glenda.caudle@omes.ok.gov 405-482-7956 Commodities managed: Information technology.



RYAN GOLD State Programs Category Manager ryan.gold@omes.ok.gov 405-521-6608 Commodities managed: Amazon Business contract management, State Use and office supplies.

For process-related assistance ranging from registration issues to understanding bid submission and post-award requirements, please contact:



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