



Electronic Bidding



Rules for Adoption

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Why Electronic Bidding



- Increased efficiency and transparency.
- Increased visibility providing a larger audience of prospective bidders and more competition.
- Allows for remote bid submission instead of physical delivery to our office.
- Only swapping paper for digital copies.

Rules for Adoption



- Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code allows for the use of electronic bidding when rules are adopted. (Specific rules are included in the accompanying resolution).
- Confidentiality will still be maintained – The integrity of the bid process is not compromised.
- Posted deadlines must still be met – no late submissions are allowed.
- The e-bidding platform will not allow for bids to be opened prior to the posted deadline.
- Only approved personnel will have access to the system.
- Will continue to follow all applicable state/federal procurement laws.

Next Steps



- Start posting our formal bids electronically through a safe and secure bidding platform, possibly multiple to see what gets us the best results.
 - Start out using CIVCAST, which we currently use just for advertisement. This system can be used for bidding also.
- Incorporate any future legislative updates in our procurement process.

Legislative Update



- Effective September 1, the threshold requiring formal competitive procedures has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- Senate Bill 1173 provides this update to Texas Local Government Code 252, which provides most of our state guidelines for purchases.
- The \$50,000 amount has been in place since 2007.
- The City will now follow the same state-mandated procedures based on this update.