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## **City announces 'Vendor Registry' for Online Vendor Management**

*Centralizing and Streamlining the Competitive Bidding Process at One Location*

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – The City of Murfreesboro Purchasing Department has partnered with Knoxville-based Vendor Registry to streamline the purchasing process for vendors and suppliers. Vendors can access Vendor Registry at <https://vendorregistry.com/>.

“The Purchasing Department is delighted to announce a new online vendor management process that will expedite and streamline purchasing for vendors,” said Purchasing Director Paul Boyer. “Vendor Registry helps local government centralize and streamline the purchasing and procurement of products and services in one easy-to-use, online platform. Reaching out to vendors through a web-based platform is the best way to improve competition for our business and thereby ensure we are receiving the best product at the best cost.”

Vendor Registry bridges the gap between local governments and their suppliers to build support for local businesses and save time in the competitive bidding process. Vendors are directed either via the City’s website [www.murfreesborotn.gov/purchasing](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/purchasing) or the Registry <https://vendorregistry.com/> to conduct business with the City of Murfreesboro. Vendor Registry coordinates contract management, online award and bid posting, and vendor notification.

Some 21,864 vendors, 188 governments and 17 states are currently registered with Vendor Registry to manage purchasing. Vendor Registry makes the procuring process easier in listing vendors electronically by category with automatic solicitations.

As the principal procurement official, Boyer is responsible for the purchase of all quality equipment, services, and supplies in compliance with state laws and procurement policies. Purchasing is responsible for ensuring that bidding and procurement activities serve City needs while maintaining fair and open competition for all suppliers.

“The goal of the Purchasing Department is to continue to improve efficiency and effectiveness in citywide purchasing,” added Boyer. “Managing cost-efficient purchases is effective for both vendors and for the taxpayers.”

Boyer serves as procurement advisor to the administration and recommends policies to the City Attorney and City Council.

For technical support with Vendor Registry, suppliers can call 844-802-9202 or e-mail [cservice@vendorregistry.com](mailto:cservice@vendorregistry.com). For more information on City purchasing, contact Purchasing Director Paul C. Boyer, at [pboyer@murfreesborotn.gov](mailto:pboyer@murfreesborotn.gov).

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**Photos attached:**

1. *Vendor Registry.jpeg.*
2. *City of Murfreesboro Logo.jpeg.*

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