

Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

Step 1

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

- Click on the solicitation name

The screenshot shows a procurement portal interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Board', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Coming Soon! Activities', 'Coming Soon! Messages', and 'Responses'. Below the tabs is a dark blue header bar. Underneath, there is a yellow arrow-shaped button labeled 'Bids'. To the right of this button is a 'Sort By' dropdown menu set to 'Due Date'. Below the 'Bids' button is a list of bid items. A red arrow points to the first item, 'TSEBIDVINO24JAN01'. Each item has an 'Active' status button on the right. The first item details include: 'City of Fort Pierce - Purchasing Department, Fort Pierce, AZ', 'ID: BID-TSEBIDVINO24JAN01-0-2020/al', 'Broadcast: 1/24/2020', 'Due: 3/1/2020', 'Planholders: 3', and a 'Watch' button. The second item is 'AA-BB-CC-DD-EE' with details: 'agency2.0, Texas, FL', 'ID: EBID-001-946-00-0-2020/AD', 'Broadcast: 2/4/2020', 'Due: 2/29/2020', 'Planholders: 0', and a 'Watch' button. The third item is 'TESTBID' with details: 'agency2.0, Texas, FL'.

Solicitation Name	Status
TSEBIDVINO24JAN01 City of Fort Pierce - Purchasing Department, Fort Pierce, AZ ID: BID-TSEBIDVINO24JAN01-0-2020/al Broadcast: 1/24/2020 Due: 3/1/2020 Planholders: 3 Watch	Active
AA-BB-CC-DD-EE agency2.0, Texas, FL ID: EBID-001-946-00-0-2020/AD Broadcast: 2/4/2020 Due: 2/29/2020 Planholders: 0 Watch	Active
TESTBID agency2.0, Texas, FL	Active

Step 2

Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

- When you are ready to submit your bid, click on “Submit E-Bid Proposal”

TESTBID Active

Bid Details

Agency Name	agency2.0
Bid Writer	agency2.0 d
Bid ID	EBID-123456-0-2020/AD
Bid Type	EBID - E-BID
Broadcast Date	02/06/2020 9:40 AM Eastern
Fiscal Year	2020
Due	02/29/2020 11:00 PM Eastern
Bid Status Text	BID STATUS

Scope of Work

Scope to Work

Documents

Filename	Type	Date Modified	Status
ferc	Attachment	02/06/2020	Complete

Distribution Info

Bid Bond	None
Plan (blueprint)	None
E-Bidding	Submit
Distributed By	DemandStar
Distribution Method	Download and Mail
Distribution Options	Bid has no blueprints associated with it
Project Estimated Budget	\$120,000.00
Distribution Notes	None

Publications

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Pre-Bid Conference

No Pre-Bid Conference Date Found

Commodity Code

[001-946-00] FINANCIAL SERVICES

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Step 3

Enter information requested page-by-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under “E-Bid Progress”

If there is not a total bid amount in your submission, please put “0”

Example: a request for qualifications opportunity may not require a bid amount so vendors will input “0” under “Bid Amount”

DEMANDSTAR Dashboard Bids Quotes Coming Soon! Activities Coming Soon! Messages Responses Robyn Gallardi

Home > Bids > TESTBID > My Ebid Response Save & Finish Later Cancel

Bid Details

Agency Name agency2.0
Bid Number EBID-123456-0-2020/AD
Bid Due Date 02/29/2020 (PST)
Bid Opening 23 days, 04 hours, 23 minutes, 54 seconds Remaining
Bid Name TESTBID

E-Bid Progress

- Contact Information
- Documents Upload
- Review Bid

E-Bid Response

Contact Information

Company Name
Calgon Carbon Corporation

Address 1
P. O. Box 717

Address 2
Address 2 (optional)

City
Pittsburgh

Country
United States of Ame...
State/Province
Pennsylvania

County
Select...
Postal Code
15230-0717

Phone Number
4127876810
Extension
Extension (optional)

Bid Amount
127,000 Invalid
Alternate Bid Amount
Alternate Bid Amount (optional)

Notes
For the full 6 month contract
Notes (optional)

Next

Step 4

After you click NEXT on the Contact Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required. In this example, they only ask for one document, however, in others, they may ask for multiple documents that each need to be uploaded separately.

TIP:

There is a place for you to add “Supplemental”, i.e. non-required, documents.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR web application interface for an E-Bid Response. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Activities', 'Messages', and 'Responses'. The user 'Robyn Gallardi' is logged in. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Bids > TESTBID > My Ebid Response'. The main content area is titled 'E-Bid Response' and is divided into several sections:

- Bid Details:** Agency Name: agency2.0; Bid Number: EBID-123456-0-2020(AD); Bid Due Date: 02/29/2020 (PST); Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 17 minutes, 21 seconds Remaining; Bid Name: TESTBID.
- E-Bid Progress:** A vertical progress indicator with three steps: 'Contact Information' (completed), 'Documents Upload' (current step), and 'Review Bid' (pending).
- Required Documents:** A section titled 'Agency Accepted File Formats' lists various file types such as Adobe Acrobat (*.PDF), AutoCAD Drawing (*.DWG), Microsoft Excel (*.XLS), etc. Below this is a table for document submission:

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
Service Doc agency2.0	None	Choose a file

At the bottom, there is a 'Supplemental Documents' section with a text input field for 'Document Title' and an 'Add Document' button. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Next' are located at the bottom of the page.

Step 4 continued

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E-Bid Response

Bid Details

- Agency Name: agency2.0
- Bid Number: EBID-123456-0-2020/KD
- Bid Due Date: 02/25/2020 (PST)
- Bid Opening: 19 days, 13 hours, 28 minutes, 21 seconds Remaining
- Bid Name: TESTBID

E-Bid Progress

- Contact Information
- Documents Upload
- Review Bid

Required Documents

The following documents are required by the agency for this project. Please select which documents you will be submitting electronically (online), and which ones you will submit directly to the agency (offline).

Agency Accepted File Formats

- Adobe Acrobat (*.PDF)
- AutoCAD Drawing (Web Format (*.DWG))
- JPEG Image (*.JPG)
- Microsoft Excel (*.XLSX)
- Microsoft Word (*.DOC)
- Plain Text (*.TXT)
- Rich Text Format (*.RTF)
- WordPerfect (*.WPO)
- AutoCAD Drawing (*.DWG)
- GIF Image (*.GIF)
- Microsoft Excel (*.XLS)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (*.PPT)
- Microsoft Word (*.DOCX)
- Plot File (*.PLOT)
- TIFF Image (*.TIFF)
- ZIP Compressed Archive (*.ZIP)

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
Service Doc agency2.0	Electronic/Online	Service Doc agency2.0.TXT

Supplemental Documents

You can upload additional documents here.

Document Title: Add Document

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
Service Doc agency2.0	Electronic/Online	Service Doc agency2.0.PDF
References	Electronic/Online	References.PDF
Plans	<input type="text" value="Online/Electronic"/>	<input type="button" value="Choose a file"/>

Previous Upload

Step 5

Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press “Submit Response”

You are done! And the government to which you’ve submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR web application interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Activities', 'Messages', and 'Responses'. The user's name, 'Robyn Gallardi', is visible in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'Review Your E-Bid Response' and is divided into several sections:

- Bid Details:** Agency Name: agency2.0; Bid Number: EBID-123456-0-2020AD; Bid Due Date: 02/29/2020 (PST); Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 10 minutes, 47 seconds Remaining; Bid Name: TESTBID.
- E-Bid Progress:** A vertical progress bar with three steps: 'Contact Information' (completed), 'Documents Upload' (in progress), and 'Review Bid' (current step).
- Contact Info:** Company Name: Calgon Carbon Corporation; Address 1: P.O. Box 717; Address 2: ; City: Pittsburgh; State: Pennsylvania; Country: United States of America; Postal Code: 15200-0717; Phone Number: 4127876810; Tax: ; Bid Amount: 3127,000.00; Alternate Bid Amount: ; Notes: For the full 6 month contract.
- Agency Required Documents:** Service Doc agency2.0(Electronic/Online) (checked).
- Supplemental Documents:** References(Electronic/Online) (checked).

At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Previous' button and a 'Submit Response' button. A red arrow points to the 'Submit Response' button. Below the 'Submit Response' button, there is a list of instructions for the submission process:

1. We will verify that your response is complete as entered.
2. You will see a confirmation page with your confirmation number and date/time stamp of your upload.
3. You will receive a confirmation e-mail indicating a successful response submittal.
4. You may track your response submission under the Responses page.

If you do not receive any of the above, please call Supplier Services at (202) 940-0005.