

To Whom It May Concern:

Internet Bidding Available

WSDOT encourages contractors to submit bid proposals electronically via BidX.com. In fact, WSDOT is moving toward mandatory electric bidding and away from paper bidding processes. Electronic bidding allows you to submit a bid through the internet, from anywhere you have a computer with a digital ID and an internet connection. If you bid electronically, there is no need to travel or attend the public bid opening. Bid results will be available on the Bid Express website as we open bids.

How does it work?

After creating a Bid Express account and [ordering a copy](#) of the plans, specifications and bidding documents, contractors can prepare their bids using specialized bidding software (AASHTOWare Project Bids). Bids are then securely uploaded as a fully encrypted file, and may be revised or withdrawn all the way up until the deadline set for receiving bids. Bids are not downloaded until after the time set for receiving bids has passed, and are then opened on-screen during the public bid opening.

Can I submit my bid bond electronically as well?

Yes, provided you use one of the two previously approved firms: [Surety 2000](#) or [InsureVision](#).

Can I submit bids for Small Works Roster projects electronically?

Yes, most Small Works Roster projects are available in Bid Express. Demo projects scheduled to open in Spokane are not available in our electronic bidding system at this time and must be submitted in paper copy pursuant to the project specifications.

How I can find out more about Bid Express Services?

Bid Express has several levels of service available to customers. You can learn more about bidding services by visiting their [bidding services web page](#).

Do I need to verify anything before I sign up?

Yes. Before you sign up for Bid Express, verify that you are [prequalified](#). You must [order the plans, specs and proposal](#) in order to appear on the Eligible Bidders List in Bid Express. To obtain your Bidder ID number, refer to the Prequalification Number in your Bidding Rate Letter or contact prequal@wsdot.wa.gov.