

Good Morning

My goal today is to hopefully clear some confusion that here may exist in doing business with a government entity and more specifically Atlantic County

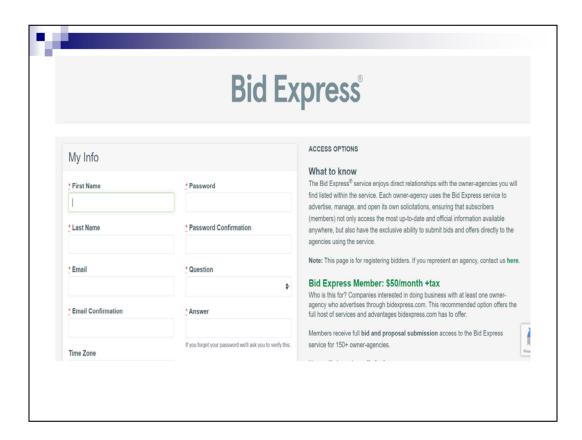


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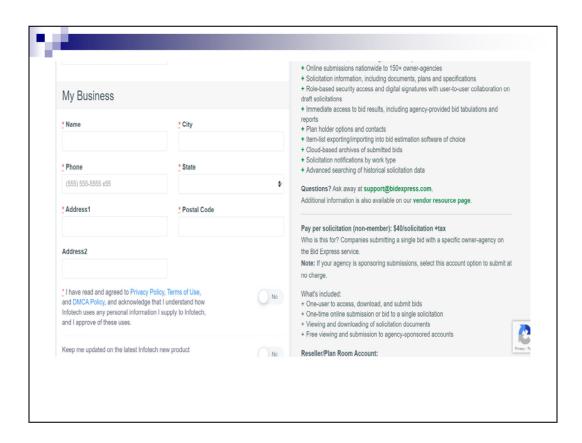
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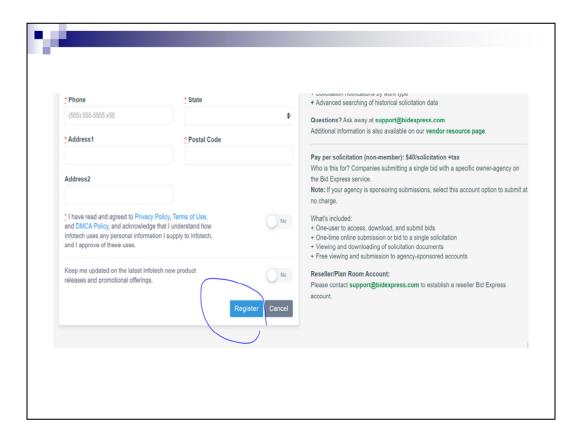
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The County has procured the services of BidExpress to advertise and receive bids . A vendor must be registered on BidExpress in order to download and submit a bid for Atlantic County



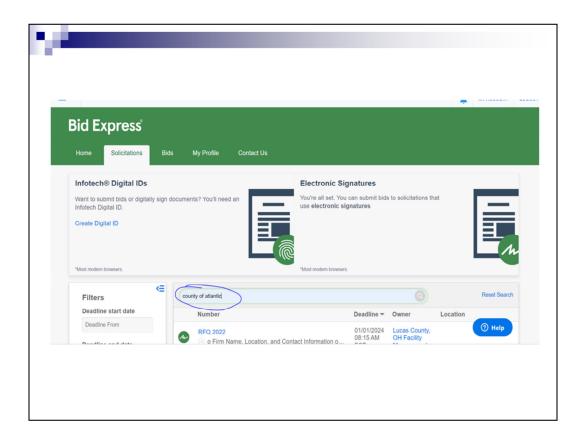
The vendor needs to complete all the required fields



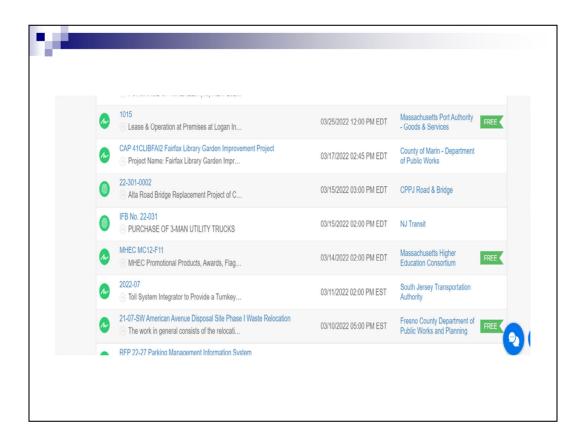
And click register.



The option for Atlantic County will be the pay per solicitiaon option – As Atlantic County has chosen to sponsor its bids

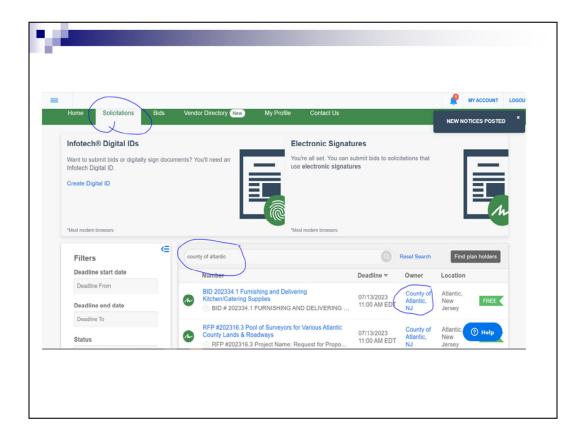


Once registered Go to the tab marked **Solicitations** to view all the available solicitations in Bid Express. Please note that not all bids are free. Look for the "free" flag next to the bid name



How Bidexpress lists bids

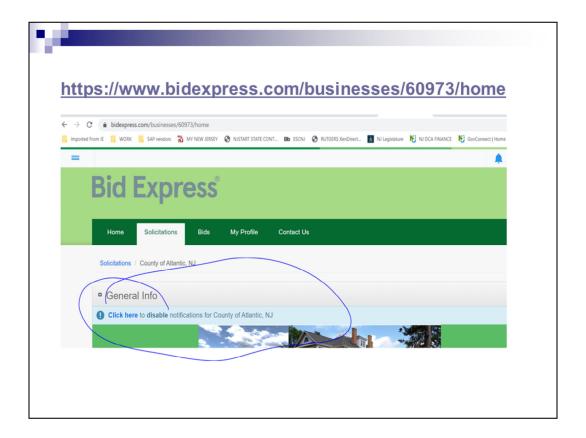
Note that some have a free flag on the right of their name and others do not



For Atlantic County bids

In the search bar type "county of atlantic" and click the magnifying glass. This will show only county of atlantic bids.

Click on the County of Atlantic owner link to be brought to the Atlantic County bid home page



When you are in the County of Atlantic Home page click on the link to enable notifications

This will enable you to get an email each time Atlantic county posts a bid on Bid Express as well as addendums



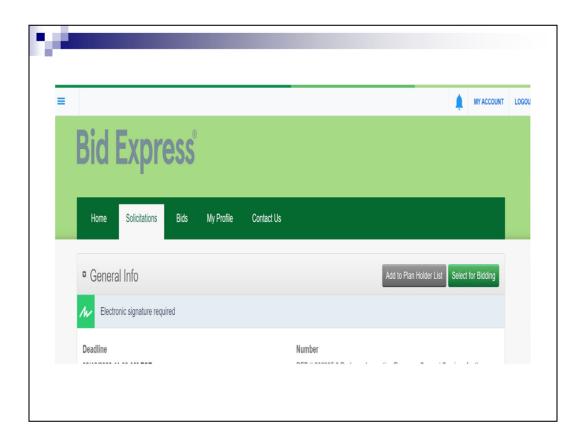
VENDOR NOTIFICATION

When a bid comes out for an item/service which you supply, your Company will receive an emailed Notice to Bidders for the item/service.

When a bid comes out for an item/service which you supply, your Company will receive a "Notice to Bidders" for the item/service.



Now you have your bid package Now What?



When you open the selected bid package you click on the green button on the top right so that you can select that project bid for bidding. And you can start downloading the technical specs and necessary forms



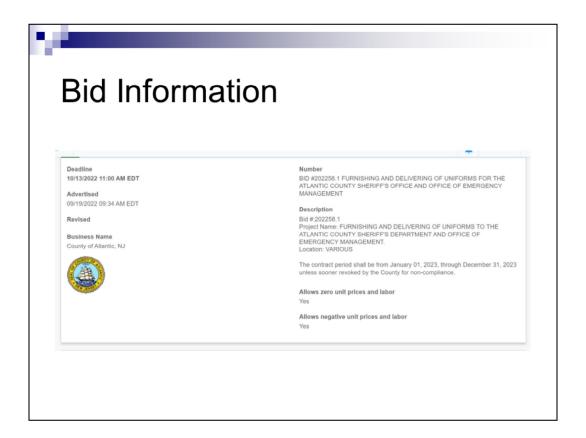
BID DOCUMENTS

- To complete bid forms follow the Instructions To Bidders included in the bid document.
- If you are unsure about any of the information provided in the bid documents call the Purchasing Office only
 - information received from any other source may not be correct and jeopardize your bid submittal.

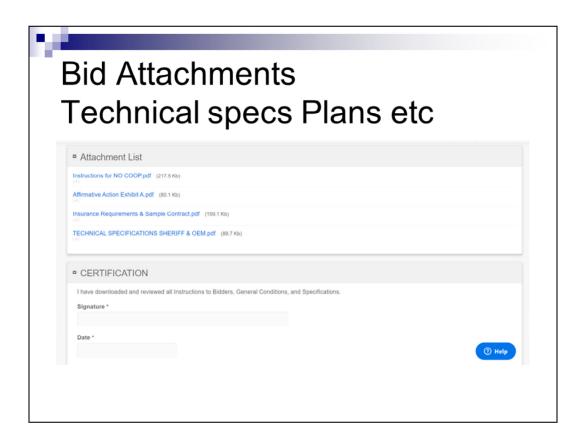
In Atlantic County all of our bid documents will have detailed instructions to bidders and they are usually found at the beginning of every packet.

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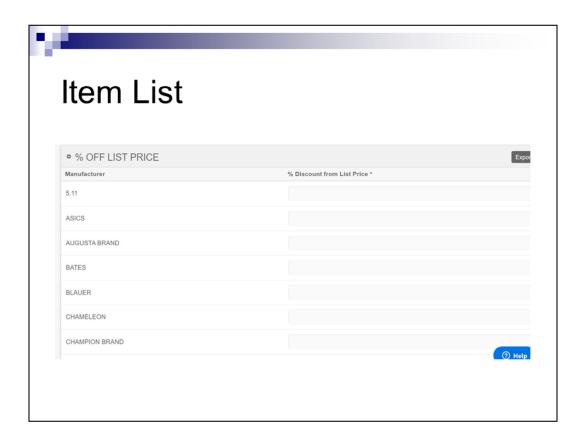
We would rather you call us before the bid is due with questions, than after your bid is rejected asking why



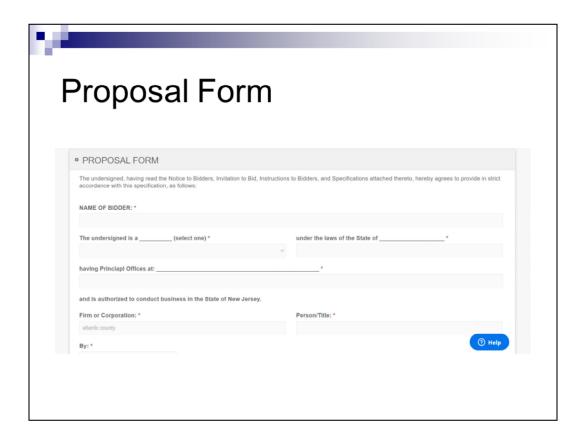
The top of each bid will include general information such as due date, bid number and bid title



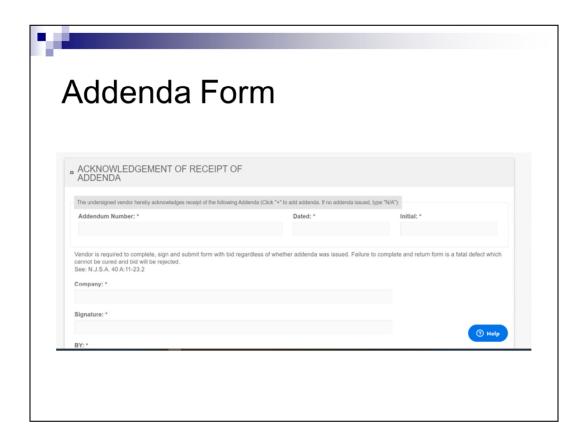
The attachment list will include the instructions to bidders, technical specs, sample contracts as well as any other document needed for the bid. These should be downloaded and read to make sure there is understanding on the specific requirements of the bid .



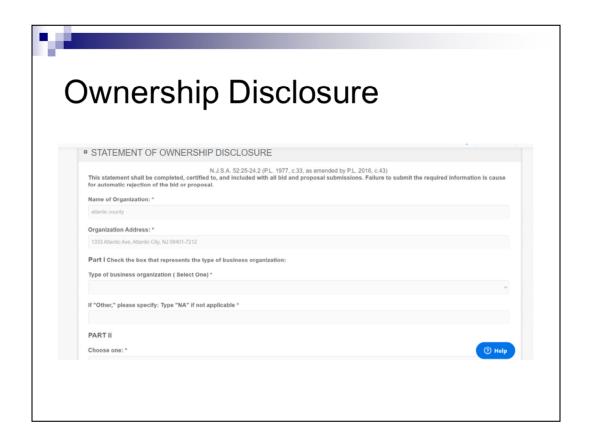
The item list is what you will be bidding on. Sometimes the bids are based on unit price or lump sum awards. This is where you would add your bid prices



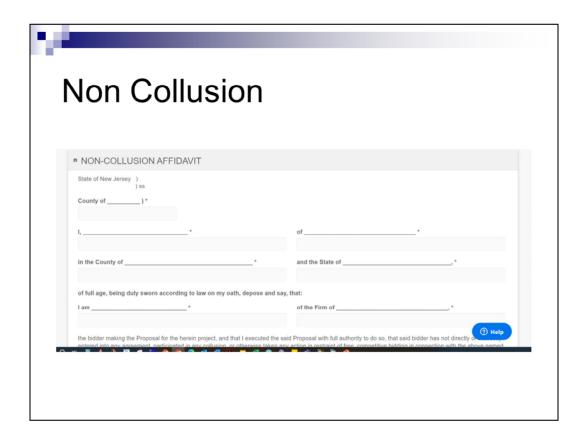
This is where you would complete and digitally sign that the prices are true



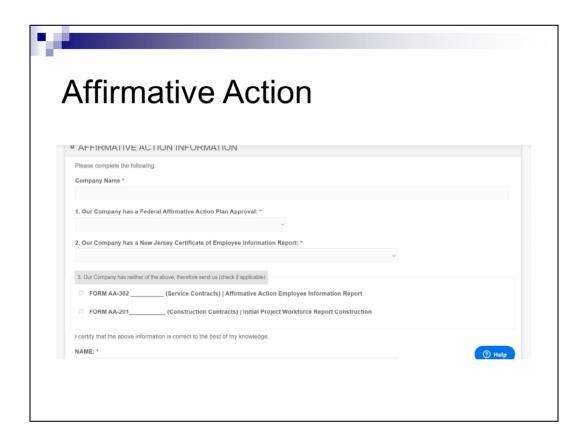
This section is where you would list any addenda that is received. If no addenda is received, then you would list N/A



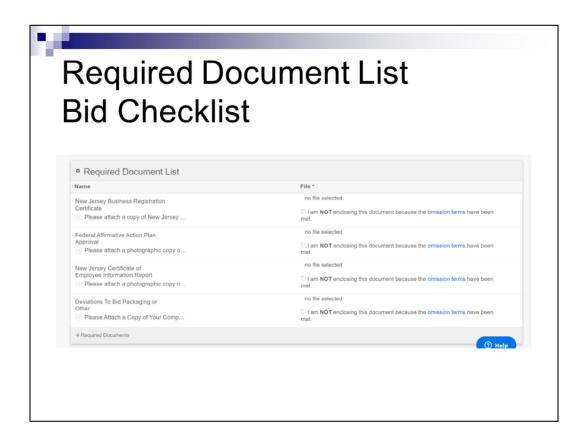
This is where you need to list all persons who own 10% or more of the company. If there is none then type N/A



This section is to certify that your company has not colluded with any **other** bidder or contracting unit representative in preparing this bid

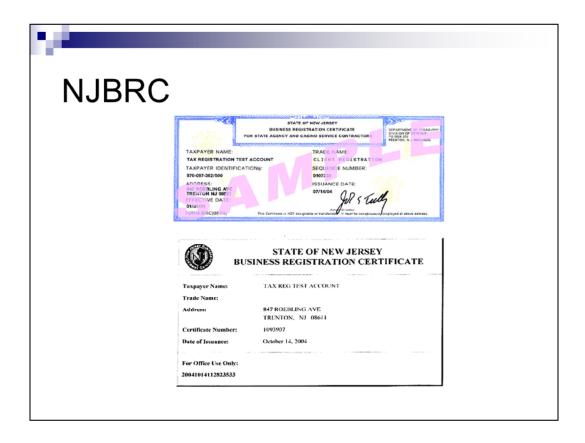


This form is to ensure your company has the proper Affirmative Action approvals



This section identifies the required documents that will need to be submitted with the bid. They can be uploaded on BidEpress.

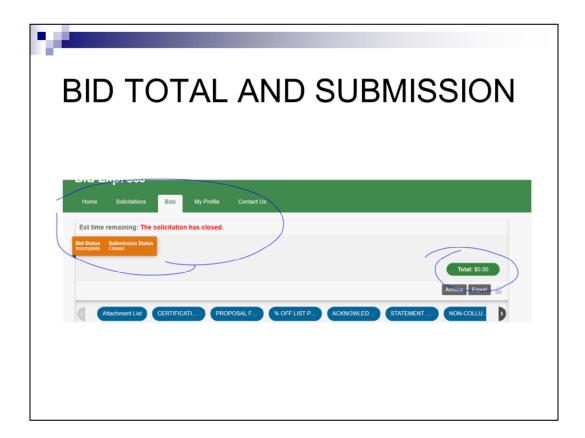
Please note that each section only accepts one file. If multiple files need to be uploaded then please call the purchasing office



This is a sample NJ Business Registration Certificate



This is a sample Public Works Contractor Registration Certificate



Once you complete your bid submission you will note that the top of the page will have the total dollar and the status of the submission



Another Reason to Read the Paper

- "Notice to Bidders" are put in the newspaper for your information
- This is the only required act to public notice
- Even if you are on the bidders list you should still read the legal advertisements to make sure you Bid Notice is not lost in the mail or sent to the wrong address
- Other governmental units in need of your goods or services.

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An there are always other governmental units in need of your goods or services such as schools, municipalities and Authorities

FORMS
 Mandatory Disclosure statement Proposal/Pricing Page Bid Bond or Surety (If required) PW Contractor Registration Certificate (if required) Russia / Belarus & Iran Document
 Other NJ BRC Non Collusion Affidavit Affirmative Action Information Insurance

All of our bid documents will have forms that you will be required to complete and return as part of your bid submission. They are divided into two groups

Mandatory

Disclosure statement

Proposal/Pricing Page

Bid Bond or Surety (if required)

PW Contractor Registration Certificate (if required)

These forms are required to be submitted with your bid by statute and that means that if any of these forms are not completed and returned with your bid, your bid will be automatically rejected

Other

NJ BRC

Non Collusion Affidavit

Recycling Page

Affirmative Action Information

Insurance

These forms are required prior to the award of a contract



AWARDS

- Most bids are awarded based on the Lowest Lump Sum Bid.
- Some bids are awarded based on the Lowest Lump Sum per Category
 - this means the bid has been broken into sections to allow multiple awards.
- Other bids can be awarded by Unit Price Basis
 - meaning the bid is compiled of multiple line items and each line is awarded based on lowest price.

It is important to remember that the price(s) bid must remain constant over the course of the contract terms - prices cannot vary even if you have a price change.

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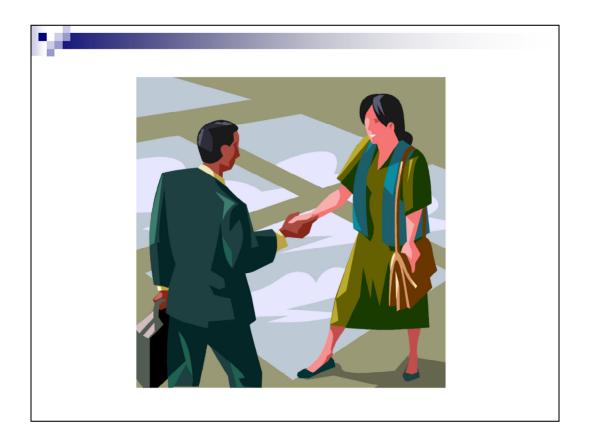
COOPERATIVE

- Atlantic County Government is the lead agency for the Atlantic County Cooperative.
 - □22 municipalities,
 - □24 school districts
 - □3 authorities.
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Some governmental entities have formed cooperatives to purchase goods and services as a group and purchase in large quantities

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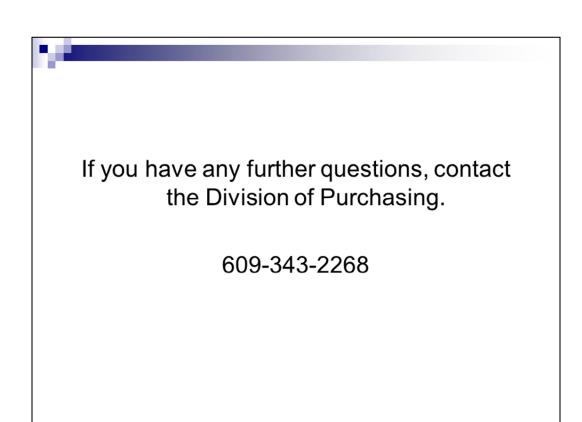


In conclusion

Doing business with a governmental unit is not as difficult or complex as many people believe.

All levels of government are eager to obtain new lists of vendors to bid or quote on their contracts.

You are encouraged to contact all governmental units in your vicinity regarding ways to sell your goods or services to them.



And as always

If you have any further questions, you can contact our office

Thank you for your time