

eContract Philly

Philadelphia is a world-class city, and we are proud of our international reputation as a great place to live and work. The City of Philadelphia is continuously looking for ways to build on that reputation by improving our government and the services we provide.

In recent years, we have taken a long, hard look at the way the City runs its contract program. There were things about it that we wanted to change, and we know you wanted to see changes too. Most importantly, we wanted to make the process of government fair, open, and responsive to the people it serves.

One way is to make it easier for businesses to find out about contract opportunities with the City of Philadelphia.

Starting February 1, 2006, we began advertising our non-bid

contract opportunities on the City's website so everyone can see them.

There are eligibility requirements for vendors based on campaign contribution limits. All applicants and contractors are required to provide information about their contributions to make sure they are below those limits and eligible for non-bid contracts.

Requiring more information and accountability from contractors and City officials alike makes good sense. We want to do even more—we will post every City contract on our website for anyone to see.

eContract Philly is the contracts program that will help us make the changes you've been looking for!



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If you have any questions, please email us at econtractphilly@phila.gov or call 215-686-4914.



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eContract Philly: Open for Business!

eContract Philly uses computers and technology in exciting ways. We have set up eContract Philly, www.phila.gov/contracts (choose eContract Philly), to manage the entire non-bid contracting process electronically. The website offers you all the information you'll need to know.

The eContract Philly website allows you to search for new non-bid contract opportunities. It leads you through the process of applying for these opportunities.

The website explains all of the rules on contracting, including who can and cannot qualify for a non-bid contract with the City. It helps us announce the awarding of contracts and report contract activity.

The website even provides vendors that are awarded contracts a list of all their contracts online so they can easily update their information.

eContract Philly has been a real change for Philadelphia: All applications have to be filed online. Interested vendors must register online to apply.

Applicants and contractors are required to provide certain information, such as:

- Campaign contributions
- Consultants and subcontractors used
- Whether they have received any requests from employees of the City of Philadelphia or received certain types of advice from City employees

Contractors are required to keep their information up-to-date and report any changes.

Applicants and contractors are subject to eligibility rules that mean those who make campaign contributions above a certain level cannot be awarded a contract.



eContract Philly has changed the process of doing business with the City of Philadelphia.

By publicly advertising non-competitively bid contracts, the City informs interested vendors about what contracting opportunities are available.

We continue to expand our partnership with a wide range of businesses and are choosing the best vendors at the best price.

With the reports we will make available, the public will see how we spend their money to

purchase services and will know what contracts have been awarded and renewed.

We will be able to use tax dollars more efficiently and improve the services that we provide to our citizens. *This* is our contract with the people of Philadelphia.

eContract Philly has brought a lot of changes and we continue to work hard to make it successful.

