



Illinois Tollway **DIVERSITY**

Driving Economic Opportunities

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How To Do Business with the Tollway: Goods and Services

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

How To Do Business with the Tollway: Goods and Services

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PROCUREMENT - GOODS AND SERVICES

350+ contracts valued at more than \$1.1 billion

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)

Under JCAR, non-construction supplies and services are procured:

- "Goods" Commodities such as rock salt, roadway materials, vehicles, office supplies and software licenses
- "Services" Include procurements for temporary staffing services, IT consulting services and repair services

Procurement Approaches

- Invitation for Bid (IFB) Awarded to lowest responsible and responsive bidder
- Request for Proposal (RFP) Awarded to vendor that provides the overall best value and includes technical criteria in addition to price
- RFP Professional and Artistic (RFP P&A) Qualified by education, experience and technical ability
- Small Purchase Request for Quote (RFQ) Procurements less than small purchase threshold (\$104,100)



SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

How does the program work?

- Over 600 product and service categories at any dollar amount (CPO Notice #2018.01)
- Procurements less than small purchase threshold (currently \$104,100) most products or services qualify
- Any other procurement the Chief Procurement Office deems appropriate to set aside

What is a "Small Business"?

- One that is independently owned and operated, headquartered in Illinois, and meets the required size status and the following sales limitations:
 - No WHOLESALE business can exceed \$13 million in annual sales
 - No RETAIL business can exceed \$8 million in annual sales and receipts
 - No CONSTRUCTION business can exceed \$14 million in annual sales and receipts
 - No MANUFACTURING business can employ more than 250 persons

Firms are listed in the small business database on the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG)

• Annual registration in IPG along with submittal of the company's annual report is required.

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ILLINOIS PROCUREMENT GATEWAY (IPG)

- Centralized repository for standard submittal forms (also known as Forms B):
 - Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Forms
 - Standard Certification Forms, i.e. vendor certifies that it is a legal entity, certifies it is not barred from having a contract, etc.
- Vendor must have an approved registration at the time of bid
- Even with approved registration, Forms B must still be completed and submitted with each bid or proposal
- Registration interfaces to BidBuy registration one way
- The website can be found at: https://ipg.vendorreg.com
- Login is required for detailed information; however, without logging in, one can still see some items like small business registrations.

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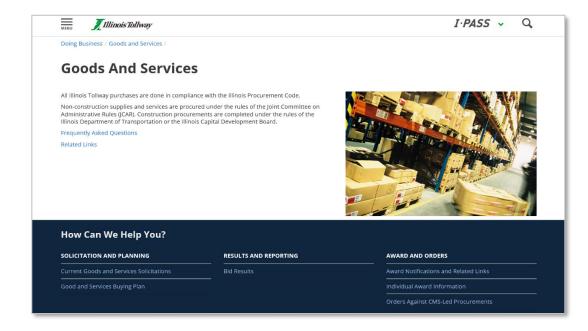
BIDBUY

BidBuy is the State of Illinois' e-Procurement System, utilized by the agencies under the Chief Procurement Officer of General Services.

- The Tollway is required to utilize BidBuy for all procurements
- Currently, the Tollway is only accepting electronic bids through BidBuy. Paper bids and bids via fax or email are not accepted.
- Procurement opportunities and awards are listed for the Public to view on the BidBuy website (no login is required)
- Bidders must register in BidBuy to submit Bids to the Tollway

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- Listing of Goods and Services Contracts
- Goods and Services Buying Plan
- As-read Solicitation Results





REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR BID SUBMISSIONS GOODS AND SERVICES SOLICITATIONS

Bidders should refer to the specific solicitation documents for a complete listing of all documents required to be returned with their bid or proposal. Bidders must complete, sign, and upload all required documents with their Quote in BidBuy to be considered responsive. Below is a sample listing of typically-required documents:

- Contract
- Standard Certifications
- FORMS A or FORMS B
 - Bidder must have a valid IPG Registration Number to Submit FORMS B
- Letter of Intent (if applicable)
- BEP / VSB Utilization Plan (if applicable)
- Redacted copy of Bid (if applicable)
- Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions (if applicable)
- References (if applicable)
- Bid or Performance bond (if applicable)

AVOID DISQUALIFICATION

- Ensure to review solicitation documents completely and complete and return all required documents with the Bid/Offer submission in BidBuy
- ❖ Late Submittals are not accepted. Ensure to start your quote in BidBuy well in advance of the due date and time to allow time for troubleshooting

AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

- ✓ Read solicitations in detail and include all required forms
- ✓ Complete required Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest forms, Standard Certifications, and TIN Page (either Forms A or Forms B must be submitted)
- ✓ Electronic bids still require a signed offer along with applicable forms to be uploaded
- ✓ If solicitation contains a BEP and/or a Veteran goal, a U-Plan and LOI must be submitted
- ✓ Get BEP/Veteran certified and stay current (must certify on an annual basis)
- ✓ Remember bid opportunities are price competitive!
- ✓ Submit on time







- Tollway-Specific Questions?
 - Contact the Solicitation Contact for each individual solicitation.
- BidBuy System-Specific Questions?
 - BidBuy Vendor Help Desk
 - <u>il.bidbuy@Illinois.gov</u>
 - 866-455-2897



BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM and VETERAN BUSINESS PROGRAM





State of Illinois Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Women, and Persons with <u>Disabilities</u>

Utilization Plan

The following are applicable to Goods & Services:

Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goal

Veteran Owned Small Business Program (VSB) goal

Required Documentation:

- Vendors must submit a Utilization Plan for each goal program
 - Indicate how they are meeting goal or provide good faith efforts
 - Complete Letter of Intent for each vendor in the plan

Utilization Plan can be found at:

https://www2.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Pages/SolicitationandContractTemplates.aspx

Vendor search of certified firms found at:

https://cms.diversitycompliance.com

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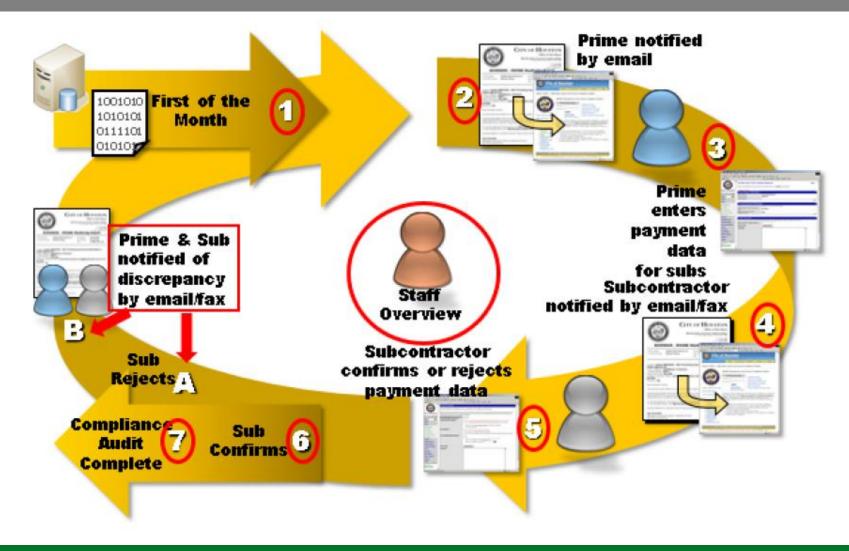
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INTRODUCTION TO B2GNOW

The B2GNow is a web-based system that allows vendors to self-manage their contracts through simple web-based forms, which integrate seamlessly with the Tollway's database and reports. The system is accessible to all governments and their contractors; and includes the following key features:

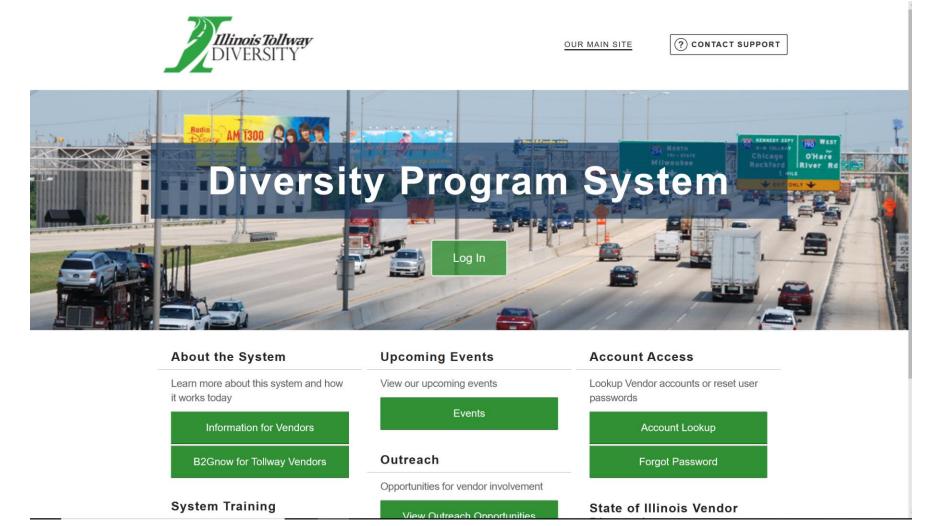
- Track contracts
- Communicate with contractors by email and fax
- Contractors respond to information requests online by submitting data in standardized, electronic format
- Real-time assessment of contractor performance
- Automatic audit and verification notices
- Track certification applications from submission to completion
- Contact firms quickly using sophisticated outreach tools
- Search the online business directory with keyword and commodity code (NIGP, NAICS) search capabilities

The Automated Compliance Audit Process:





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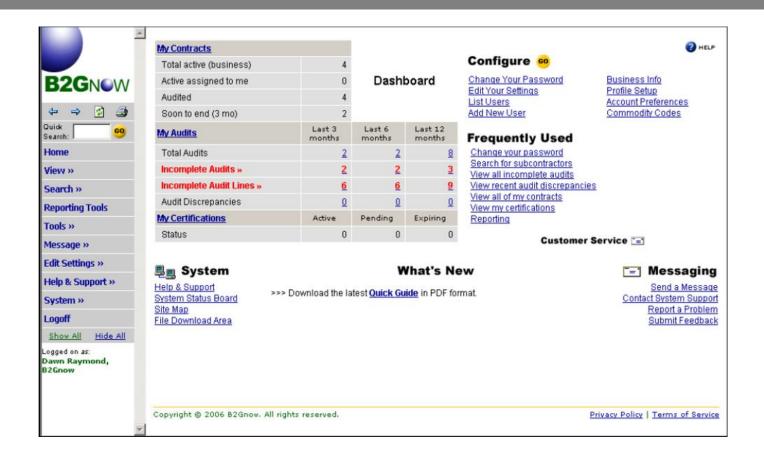
What The Vendor Sees

The very first screen you will see is our Welcome Page.



B2Gnow - Dashboard

After clicking Continue on the Welcome Page you will automatically be taken to your Dashboard. From this page, you can pretty much link to anywhere in the system. The Stat chart in the middle shows you a quick highlight of what is going on with your contracts. The items in RED are issues that need your immediate attention. To immediately address the issues in RED, simply click on the link and it will take you directly to the page where you need to go to resolve the issue.





Incomplete Audits

Prime Contractor Clicks Incomplete Audits

| Status | Audit Period | Contract Number & Title | Organization | Paid to Prime |
|-------------------|--------------|--|---|------------------|
| Incomplete • | Apr-2015 • | All • | All ▼ | |
| Incomplete | April 2015 | Test Contract: Test Contract | Milwaukee Public Schools | Pending |
| Incomplete | April 2015 | Pay Or Play Test Contract | City of Houston | Pending |
| <u>Incomplete</u> | April 2015 | MKE 123: MKE Test | City of Milwaukee | Pending |
| Incomplete | April 2015 | KP3333: Kaiser Training | Kaiser Permanente National Facilities Services | Pending |
| Incomplete | April 2015 | JTA333: JTA Training Contract | Jacksonville Transportation Authority | Not reported |
| Incomplete | April 2015 | 123456789: JC- Test1000 | Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority | Not reported |
| Incomplete | April 2015 | 123-Training: Bridge Construction Project | City of Cleveland | Not reported |



Reporting Subcontractor Payments

Prime Contractor Reports Subcontractor Payments

| Audit Information | | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Time Period | April 2015 | |
| Date & Time Posted | Local: 5/1/2015 6:01:37 AM CDT System: 5/1/2015 6:01:37 AM CDT | |

Submit a response for each item listed below by clicking each link. It is possible that some actions are not available at a specific time. As the **prime contractor** your responsibility is to report payments made to subcontractors.

| Audit Actions | | | | |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Category | Action Required & Response Due Date | | | |
| Prime Contractor | Report 3 subcontractor payments due by 5/31/2015 audit lock on 6/30/2015 | | | |

| Compliance Officer Information | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Contact Person | Milwaukee Conversion User | |
| Organization | City of Milwaukee | |
| User Number | <u>30000038-003</u> | |

| Buyer/Project Manager Information | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Contact Person | Contract Administrator | |
| Department | Milwaukee Default Buyer Department | |
| User | 10000996-001 | |



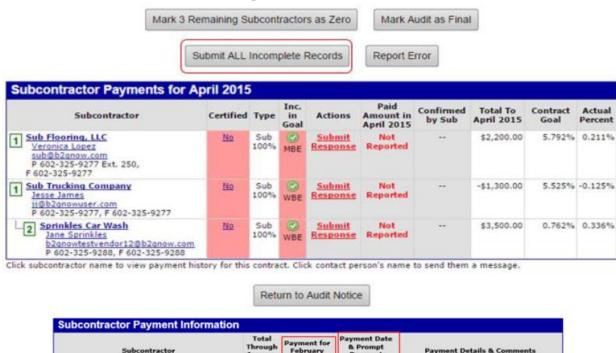
Reporting Subcontractor Payments

1 Sub Flooring, LLC

1 Sub Trucking Company

2 Sprinkles Car Wash

Prime Contractor Submits All Sub Payments





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\$2,200.00

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\$3,500.00 \$

Payment

within 7 days)

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Reporting Subcontractor Payments

Prime Contractor Submits Payments Individually

Comments





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visible to Sub Flooring, LLC.

(Optional) These comments are visible ONLY to your compliance officer. They are not

Subcontractor Responds to Prime's Payment Amounts

required entry





Vendor Payment Compliance

Action Items

- By the 25th of the month, all payment information for subcontractors must be entered and confirmed for the previous month in B2Gnow (this also includes zero values)
- If the contract value of a BEP/VSB Subcontractor is amended you will be required to submit revised utilization plan/form reflecting the change(s)
- Please note, if a Prime Contractor wishes to terminate a contract or decrease the contract value of a BEP/VSB Subcontractor, a request MUST be submitted on company letterhead detailing the reason for the change(s)

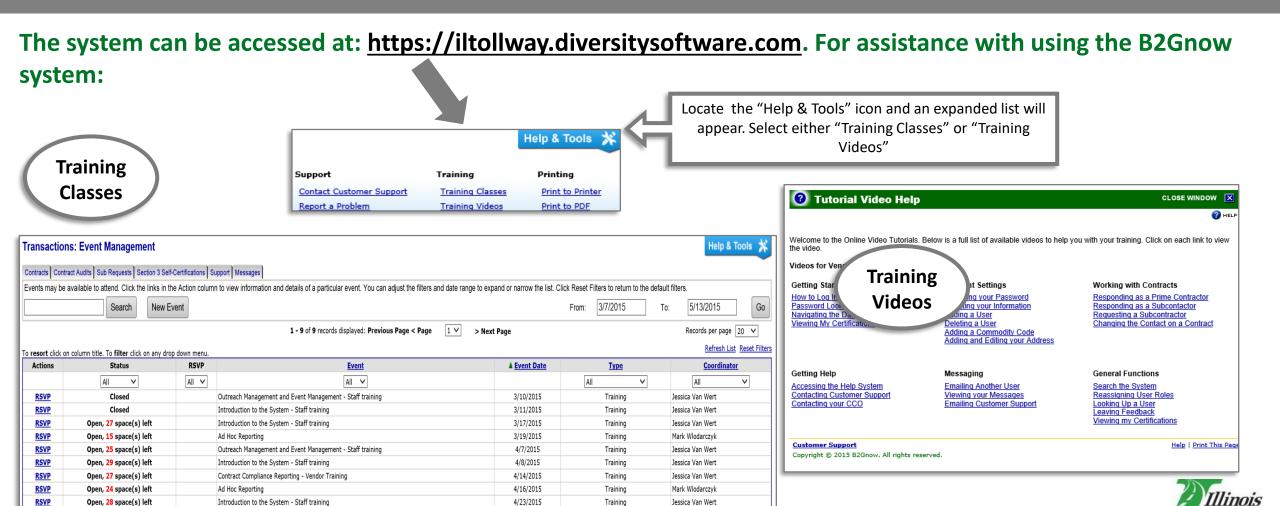


Vendor Payment Compliance

- Failure to enter and/or confirm payments monthly
- Missing Subcontractor profiles
- Discrepancies created as a result of incorrect payment entries
- Contract compliance schedule/form revisions not reported/reflected in the system
- Company profile/user contact information not updated



B2Gnow Training Classes & Videos







QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DIVERSITY AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Programs

- ConstructionWorks
- Diversity Webinar Series
- Earned Credit Program
- Partnering for Growth Program
- ROCIP
- Small Business Initiative
- Technical Assistance Program

Initiatives

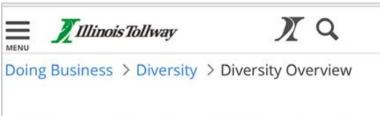
- Virtual outreach sessions
- Training webinars
- Contracting opportunity emails

Register for Tollway Diversity alerts!

• <u>lponce@getipass.com</u>

Visit illinoistollway.com to get started





Diversity And Strategic Development

The Illinois Tollway Department of Diversity and Strategic Development is a driving force for increasing economic opportunities in the diverse communities we serve.



