

# Simplify procurement. Maximize results.

Serving Public Sector Agencies Since 1979

#### **PROCUREMENT 101**

an introduction of CES for IAC Corporate Partners, Exhibitors, Sponsors, and Future Procurement Partners

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## **Topics for Conversation**

- Who is CES? What Does CES do?
- Cooperative Purchasing; CES Construction Program
- How Can CES Help IAC and Idaho's Agencies?
- 3 Step Purchasing Process
- Innovation in Procurement
- Open-Ended RFP
- What to Expect Next
- Local Support for IAC Agencies

#### Who is CES?

- CES is a member-owned governmental purchasing cooperative founded in 1979 in Albuquerque, NM, serving over 600+ agencies in NM and the US, that allows public agencies to purchase products and services through existing contracts, saving them time and money.
- CES serves Public Education, State + Local Gov't,
   Special Subdivisions of Gov't, Native American / Tribal Gov't.

#### Who is CES? ... continued

- CES offers approximately 800+ contracts in over 100 categories and subcategories ready for CES members` use.
- The Idaho Procurement Code 67-2807 ("Cooperative Purchasing") and 67-9224 (Cooperative and group discount purchasing"), provide the general framework for public agencies in Idaho to use cooperative agreements such as CES`.
- CES` contracts are also in compliance with 2CFR Part 200, including requirements under "EDGAR" (the Education Department General Administrative Regulations) as well as FEMA and Homeland Security requirements.

## What Does CES Do? - Cooperative Purchasing

• CES was formed with the intention to be an extension of Members` procurement departments so they can do more with existing resources without augmenting staff.

• CES leverages the purchasing power of many member agencies which translates to best obtainable pricing and more favorable terms for CES members.

## What Does CES Do? - Cooperative Purchasing ... continued

- CES issues and manages its own solicitations and supplier relations, negotiates and awards its own contracts, no external 3<sup>rd</sup>-party lead agency handles the procurement process for CES and its members.
- CES' solicitation method is Request for Proposal because
  - 1) it vets vendors based on qualifications, and
  - 2) can make multiple awards for sufficient coverage statewide.

#### Contracts in the following categories, but not limited to:

- Architects / Engineers
- Cars, Trucks, Vans
- Heavy equipment
- Copiers; Office Supplies
- Pre-engineered buildings
- Furniture
- SCADA Systems
- Public Safety and Security
- Janitorial Supplies

- Athletic Facilities, Turf, Bleachers
- Computers, Networking, Technology
- First Responders vehicles, equipment
- Public sector administrative software
- Public sector payment systems
- Fleet management and telematics
- Playgrounds
- Surveying, security drones

## **CES – Public Sector Construction Program**

- CES provides innovative procurement solutions in public sector construction such as Job Order Contracting and Infrastructure as a Service (coming FY 2026-2027).
- CES solicits throughout ID to contract with local contractors, in effect, creating and promoting economic development in your area.
- Generally, 95%+ local contractor + vendor participation while saving months in procurement time and hundreds of thousands in contracting and construction costs.

#### **CES – Construction Program**

#### CES` Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program Highlights

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Job Order Contracting (JOC) provides a fast & compliant delivery method for construction projects

CES has gone through the publicly solicited and competed RFP process on your behalf

Start projects quickly – saving time (4 - 6) mos.) and agency + taxpayer dollars

CES provides consultation and assistance

**JOC** can be used for Projects:

**Small Projects** 

**Maintenance Projects** 

**Operational Projects** 

Emergencies

**Capital Projects** 

Same Price Book for all

**Contractors** 

Thousands of Pre-Priced tasks in the

Construction Task Catalog (CTC)

Tasks are updated quarterly (RS

Means)/annually (Gordian) maintaining

fair and equitable pricing

Changes to a project do not result in price

escalation as prices are pre-established in

CTC

For free consultation, contact our Construction Analysts

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## How Can CES Help IAC and Idaho's Agencies?

- Saves procurement departments time and money in developing, issuing, evaluating, and awarding solicitations. 3 4 mos. for non-construction, 4 8 mos. for construction RFPs.
- There are no fees to be a CES member or for the use of its contracts.
- CES charges a 2% CAF (Vendor pays) where E&I charges over 4%, OMNIA, Sourcewell, BuyBoard charge 3%, so it costs more to ID taxpayers when external, non-IAC vetted cooperative contracts are used than by using a CES contract.

#### How Can CES Help IAC and Idaho's Agencies? ... cont.

- Cost savings range between 5% 60%. Heavy equipment 20+%, vehicles 5% 15%, fire, brush trucks 2%, technology up to 50%, office supplies 40%.
- \*Leasing options available.
- 800+ contracts with 500+ vendors ready for use. National contracts such as Amazon Business, Apple, AT&T, Staples, Hellas, Astroturf, John Deere, etc.

#### How Can CES Help IAC and Idaho's Agencies? ... cont.

• In 2026, CES will conduct public solicitations in Idaho for public sector construction (G.C., mechanical, electrical, plumbing, roofing, asphalt, etc.) as well as other solicitations to bring on local businesses promoting local economic development.

#### **Idaho Procurement Dollar Thresholds**

## Small Dollar

Total Value < informal threshold

No competition required

#### Informal

Goods/software: \$15k - \$150k

Services: \$25k - \$150k

Request for Quotes (RFQ)

#### **Formal**

> \$150k

Invitation to Bid (ITB)
Request for Proposals
(RFP)

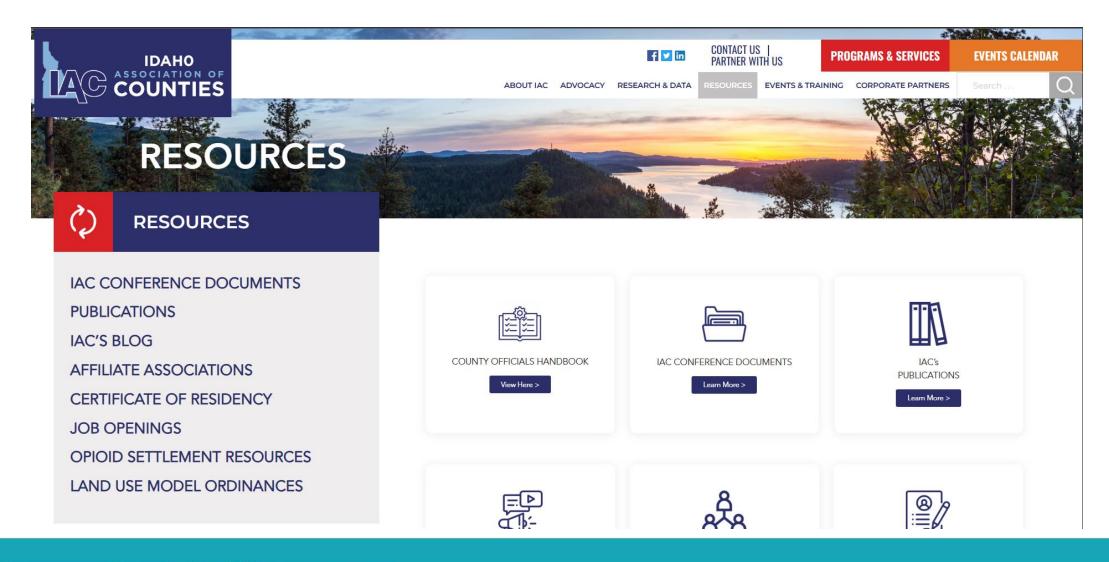
#### **CES – 3 Step Purchasing Process**

Browse Contracts in CES` Online Vendor Listing & Marketplace (Bluebook) (Request Quote from Vendor); Create Purchase Order to Vendor ("Direct Purchase", non-construction), to CES ("Traditional", for construction)

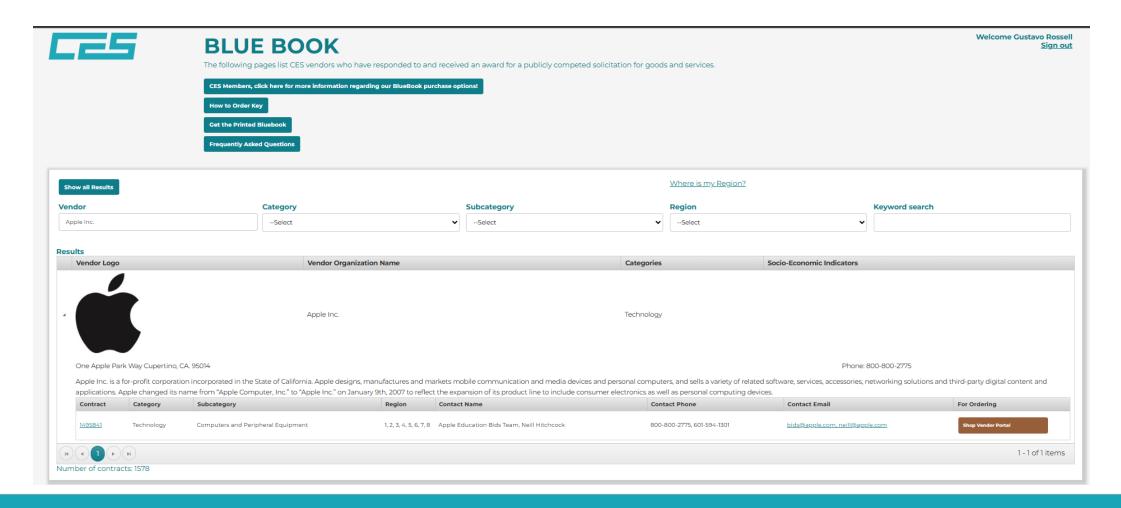
\*Shop Vendor Portal - direct from their eCommerce site through the Bluebook

Upload PO to Vendor in CES` Online Vendor Listing & Marketplace (Bluebook)

#### Find CES Contracts on IAC's Website

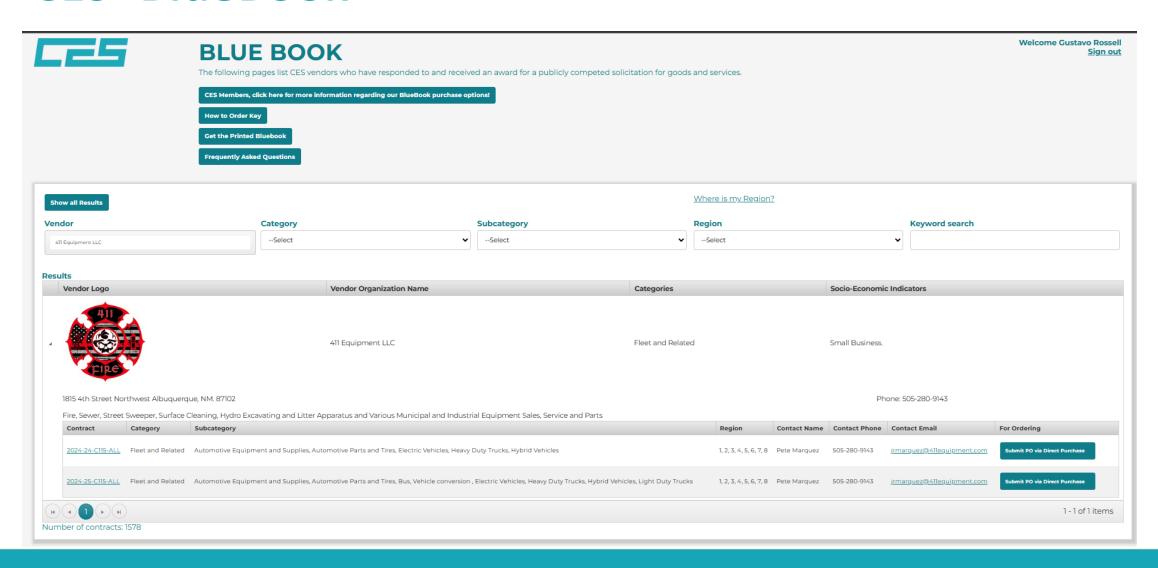


### **CES' BlueBook**





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#### **CES – Innovation in Procurement**

- What's next in CES Procurement:
  - □ New systems (financial, procurement, CRM) for enhanced capabilities
  - □ New services augment your capacity compliantly

#### laas (Infrastructure as a Service)

#### **Project Development**

• Site visit to develop the general scope of work

#### **Vendor Selection**

- Provide list of qualified vendors based on the scope of work
- Assist in "Mini-Bid process"

#### **Detailed Cost Proposal Development & Review**

 Joint scope meeting with vendor on site. Scope of work and compliance

#### **Document Submittal**

• CES uploads all required documents

#### **Construction Administration**

• Perform administrative functions as an "Owner Representative"

#### Paas Program (Procurement as a Service)

#### **Procurement Development**

- Determine the appropriate procurement vehicle (ITB or RFP)
- Define the project description, funding source/s, budget and timeline

#### **ITB or RFP Development**

- Provide ITB or RFP documents specific to the member needs following all state and Public Works statutes and the NM procurement code
- Direct involvement in the solicitation process from legal advertisement to Notice of Award and execution of contracts

#### **Open-Ended RFP**

- CES` RFPs terms and conditions have language that allows, at the request of an Idaho public agency, for the acceptance of an RFP proposal for CES` review and evaluation, from a vendor that the agency needs to use to procure products or services.
- For transparency and open and fair competition, CES will evaluate the proposal using the same criteria used at the time of the original RFP event.
- If the vendor (Offeror) obtains a number of points meeting or exceeding the minimal threshold for award (75% of the highest score), per the original RFP's tabulation, that vendor will receive a recommendation for award.

## Open-Ended RFP -Categories

2024-02 Windows, Treatments, Glazing, Tint and Related
2024-04 Robotics
2024-12 Food Service Equipment and Related Services
2024-13 Hazardous Waste Materials
2024-14 IT and Related, Products and Services
2024-15 School and Activity Buses
2024-16 Public Safety - Products and Related
2024-18 Specialty Cleaning and Related
2024-19 Interactive Classroom Technology
2024-20 Public Sector Administrative Software
2024-21 MRO Building Materials, Supplies, Tools, Equipment and Related
2024-23 Vehicles – Car, SUV, Van, Trucks, Police Car and Related
2024-24 Medium & Heavy-Duty Trucks
2024-25 Truck Bodies
2024-26 Trailers
2024-27 Office Classroom Vocational Products
2024-28 Furniture
2024-29 Fire, Security, Monitoring and Related
2024-30 Flectronic Device Repair and Related

## Open-Ended RFP -Categories

2025-06 Copiers, Printers, MDF's Prod - Managed Print Srvs 2025-07 Computers & Peripherals 2025-08 IT Professional Srvcs 2025-09 Music, Performing Arts, Equipment & Related 2025-10 Janitorial Prod, Srvcs-Rltd 2025-11 Student Management, Special Education & Educational Management 2025-12 Temporary Employment and Recruitment Services 2025-13 Flooring Systems & Related 2025-14 Health & Training Supplies 2025-15 School Safety Audits 2025-18 In Vehicle Telematics Systems 2025-19 Medicaid Billing & Collection Services 2025-20 Fleet Management System 2025-21A Supplemental Employee Benefits - 125 2025-22 Public Sector Payment Systems 2025-24 SCADA Systems 2025-25 Weight Scales 2025-26 Moving, Storage Solutions 2025-27 Storage Tanks for Public Utility, Emergency, and Operational Services

## What to Expect Next

- Beginning Oct. 1, 2025, IAC + CES will make contracts available to IAC 44 member counties.
- CES ID Regional Managers will begin contacting your agency to onboard you as a member so you can start using CES` products & services.
- RFPs for construction and A/E will be issued in February 2025. \*Let your CES ID Regional Manager know what local contractors you would like for CES to contact to submit a proposal and compete for a contract that you can use.

### **Local Support for IAC Agencies**

- Your IAC team has been working with CES to bring to your agencies a myriad of contracts that you can use.
- CES & IAC have collaborated in hiring 2 Regional Managers to support Idaho's 44 counties with ready-to-use contracts, technical assistance, trainings, and workshops.
- Available to IAC Members for consultation, CES will have Construction Analysts with vast experience in public sector construction.
- In 2026 2027, CES will also launch *Procurement as a Service* (PaaS) and *Infrastructure as a Service* (laaS) designed to help agencies with their procurement needs while maximizing existing resources without having to augment staff.

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