

Easier Access to Statewide Contract Goods & Services

The Department of Administrative Services is proud to announce that through a competitive bid, SciQuest will provide electronic catalog hosting and management services as part of the State's new eProcurement system known as Team Georgia Marketplace. This system will be used by state agencies to access both statewide contracts as well as agency contracts. Additionally, on a convenience basis, the services will be available to all other State of Georgia government entities, including colleges and universities, municipal governments, and local school systems. The services include:

- A seamless shopping "marketplace environment" for State of Georgia government entities. Think of accessing state contracts as if you are shopping on Amazon.com for products required for state business.
- An on-line catalog hosting site for the State of Georgia preferred suppliers (Maintenance, Repairs and Operations (MRO), office supplies, computers, etc.). Preferred suppliers are those who provide products and services for statewide contracts (SWC).
- Catalog enablement of all Statewide Contract preferred supplier content and other supplier content at the discretion of individual entities.
- Integration of the catalog hosting site functionality with the Team Georgia Marketplace eProcurement software as well as other eProcurement systems utilized by other State of Georgia government entities (at their discretion).
- An internet based application/web page that will allow State users that do not have an XML-based purchasing system like PeopleSoft to see all the statewide contract items and pricing in the marketplace (hosted catalogs and direct connects) and appropriate agency contract items and pricing.
- The technological capability (integration tools and additional software) to integrate the Board of Regents PeopleSoft Systems and other state non-PeopleSoft system's functionality to the catalog hosting site functionality on a case-by-case basis.
- The resources needed to sustain and promote the growth of electronic vendor catalogs for the State of Georgia.
- Continual updates from suppliers to the state's catalog product, pricing, and content. For example, throughout the life of existing contracts products and pricing will change. Contracts are reduced, expanded, and contracts can be assigned to a new contractor to perform.

As previously mentioned, SciQuest is providing the above services at no additional charge to suppliers. This means that in addition to the efficiencies gained through use of the e-catalog and management services, government agencies will enjoy use of the Statewide Contract catalogs at no added cost. Agency contracts can be added at a minimal cost and will be accessible only by appropriate agency staff. As an integral part of Team Georgia Marketplace, the functionality for catalog hosting offered by SciQuest, takes the State of Georgia one step closer to gaining efficiency and productivity improvement in our state's purchasing process. Both DHR and the Department of Corrections are participating, along with

DOAS, on the initial implementation phase of the new eProcurement system. Initial deployment is scheduled for early 2009 as the project continues to be on track, according to schedule and budget. Statewide implementation of Team Georgia Marketplace will occur through the remainder of 2009 and into 2011. To learn more about the State Purchasing Division and Team Georgia Marketplace, go to the State Purchasing Division website at <http://statepurchasing.doas.georgia.gov>.