Inside KUB Procurement

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Our Vision:

KUB exists to serve its customers, improving their quality of life by providing utility services that are safe, reliable and affordable.

Our Mission:

Our mission is to act as good stewards of our communities' resources: utility assets, customer dollars, and the environment. We work to safeguard those resources and enhance their value for the people of the communities we serve and generations to come.

Outreach & Networking



Jermon Bishop (Purchasing) and Doyle Dukes (Easements) assign Appraisal Services work with Trennile Mcclellan, owner of C3 Appraisals.



Nikitia Thompson (Diversity Coordinator), Jermon Bishop (Purchasing), and Alyssa Blackwood (Contracts Services) meet with Damon Rawls, founder of the Knoxville Black Business Directory, to discuss KUB's procurement process.



Jermon Bishop (Purchasing) congratulates Reggie Bazel, owner of Accurate Contracting Services, Inc. after completing the Fleming Operations Center Administration Office Upgrade.

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Upcoming Opportunities

	Anticipated Bid Date
Overhead Linework & Related Services	7/1/2022
Environmental Containment & Remediation 7/1/2022	
Drone Powerline Structural Inspections	7/1/2022
Bill Printer Lease	7/1/2022
Bulk Oxygen Supply Agreement	7/30/2022
Pharmacy Benefits Manager	8/1/2022
Flow Sensing	8/1/2022
Utility Damage Prevention	8/1/2022
Gas Materials Supply Agreement	10/1/2022
Account Verification RFP	10/1/2022
Service Awards	10/1/2022
Electric Materials Supply Agreement	10/31/2022
Miscellaneous Fiber Parts	10/31/2022
Occupational Health Program	10/31/2022
Stop Loss Insurance	10/31/2022
Concrete Pavement & Sidewalk Repairs	40/4/0000
& Service	
Gas Line Work & Related Services	
Facility Maintenance Support	
Nokia Equipment Supply Agreement	
Steel Ball Valves Supply Agreement	12/1/2022
Gas Meters, Regulators, & Related Materia	als 12/1/2022
Newsletter Printing	12/1/2022
Video Surveillance	12/31/2022
Electrical Supplies	1/1/2023
CPR & First Aid	2/1/2023
Equipment Rentals	3/1/2023

Supplier Diversity



Prequalification Information

Any contractor wishing to bid on and perform electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, vegetation management, paving, and fiber construction for KUB must become prequalified prior to bidding.

Please contact **Alyssa.Blackwood@kub.org** for additional information.

How KUB Purchases

The Procurement Department is responsible for materials, supplies, services, construction, and maintenance purchases separated into these categories:

Small Purchases:

Purchases between \$0-\$4,999:
 No competition required

Formal Competitive Process:

- Purchases between \$5,000-\$24,999:
 Three written quotes
- Purchases \$25,000+: Requires publicly advertised bids

Tips for Successful Bidding

1. Stay connected

- Register at www.periscopeholdings.com and follow us on Twitter to receive bid notifications and update emails.
- Visit www.kub.org. Click "about us," "procurement," and "view open bids."

2. Stay organized.

 Make sure to read the entire bid package and make a checklist of all required bid documents.
 Make the date the main point of your checklist to keep yourself on schedule.

3. Seek feedback.

 If you don't win a bid, follow up with the buyer and ask for your results to improve your chances of success in the future.

4. Understand KUB.

 Gain knowledge and insight by attending pre-bid meetings to network with contractors. Be sure to talk to KUB representatives, and ask plenty of questions!

5. Don't give up!

Consistency can go a long way.

Small Business Program Eligibility Facts

- 50 or fewer employees
- Less than \$10 million annual revenue
- Participation in bids between \$10K and \$100K
- · Bonding requirements waived
- Bidders perform at least 51% of the awarded job
- · Must submit the Small Business Affidavit

Meet KUB's Procurement Team

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