Instructions for Contractors

California school districts may require contractors to submit a standardized questionnaire and financial statements to determine if they’re qualified to bid. Contractors must declare, under penalty of perjury, that submitted information is true. Submitted questionnaires and financial statements are not public records and shall not be open to the public.

Public Contract Code 20111.5 enables districts to require prime contractors to be prequalified prior to accepting bids.

Public Contract Code 20111.6 requires the district to do so for certain projects. This applies to prime contractors and MEP sub-contractors with the following licenses:
- General Contractors (A and B)
- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing subcontractors (C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and C-46)

Refer to the district’s instructions to bidders for required prequalification submittal timelines. Reference: [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/)

To get started, please review the following instructions.

Application process:

1. Visit [www.qualitybidders.com](http://www.qualitybidders.com) and click the green ‘Sign Up’ button on top right of screen.
2. Complete all fields and click ‘Sign Up’.
3. Go to your email account and click the ‘Confirm my account’ link on the email.
4. Return to [www.qualitybidders.com](http://www.qualitybidders.com) and log in.
5. Proceed to Step 1 (see next slide)
To start a new questionnaire, Contractor navigates to ‘Applications’ tab and clicks on “Create New Application”.

Proceed to Step 1 – Pre-qualification.

Step 1 – Pre-Qualification:
• Contractor’s contact information auto-populates from sign up information.
• Input license number and as many license classifications as needed.
• Select business certifications if applicable.
• Answer pre-qualification ‘disqualifier’ questions and press next button.
• The program reviews the answers to Step 1 and either proceeds to Step 2 or notifies Contractor that he/she is not qualified to proceed.
• If any question is incomplete, Contractor can not proceed to the next step.

Note: Contractor can save application at any point and return later to complete.
Step 2 – General Requirements:

Contractor:
- Selects business type.
- Uploads required financial statements and if available, a letter verifying line of credit.
- Completes all questions about firm and continues to Step 3.

Note: Incomplete questions are highlighted in red and include instructions on action to be taken.

When section is complete, proceed to Step 3.
Step 3 – History and Performance:

Contractor:
- Answers question about the firm’s ownership.
- Enters the firm’s gross revenue for each of the last three years.
- Enters their firm’s licenses, as applicable.
- Contractor also enters information about:
  - Disputes
  - Bonding
  - Compliance with CAL OSHA and other regulatory agencies
  - EMR rate
  - State wage violations, if any

When section is complete, proceed to Step 4.
Step 4 – Project History:

Contractor:
• Enters project history information for six public works projects and three private construction projects, including references.

When section is complete, proceeds to Step 5.
Step 5 – Finish:

Contractor:
- Selects appropriate District(s) and presses SAVE.
- If items are incomplete, an error message will appear.
- Once incomplete items are corrected, SAVE application and return to the list of applications.
Submit Application to District(s):

Contractor:
- Clicks on the APPLICATIONS tab to view a listing of all applications.
- Applications with the current status of READY TO SUBMIT can be submitted.
- To submit a READY TO SUBMIT application, click SUBMIT from the Action column.
- Certify all information is correct.
- Will be notified when application is approved.

Note: If corrections are needed -
- Click CANCEL from the Action column before district opens application, status of the application is changed back to READY TO SUBMIT.
- If district opens application, application becomes locked and Contractor must request district ‘return’ application to them for edits.
- REVIEW application and make needed corrections.

Note: Once your application has been submitted you will no longer be able to make modifications unless it is returned to you by a district for corrections or updates.
Questions?

Contractor:
- Clicks on the CONTACT tab.
- Clicks hyperlink of district he/she has a question for.
- Email will auto populate with appropriate school district contact.
- Clicks hyperlink to contact QualityBidders Technical Support for any technical support question.

For technical support, please contact qbsupport@colbitech.com
A Support Technician will contact you.
Or call (714) 505-9544