



South Kingstown Public Schools FAQ

What is BidNet Direct?

As of February 2021, South Kingstown Public Schools is transitioning from its current platform to the [Rhode Island Purchasing Group](#), the vendor portal to a procurement platform and vendor portal that is hosted by BidNet Direct. This will be the exclusive online vendor portal used to post and notify vendors of current solicitation opportunities, proposal and bid submissions.

Many participating agencies also utilize the electronic bid submission option for vendors to submit responses directly online through the platform. In addition, our content team of researchers visits thousands of agency websites, newspapers and other locations to aggregate open solicitations from non-participating agencies to alert registered vendors of matching opportunities.

How do I register on BidNet Direct to receive South Kingstown Public Schools business opportunities?

Registration on BidNet Direct is done online. To receive notifications of matching South Kingstown Public Schools business opportunities, simply register [here](#).

What are the registration options?

There are 3 types of registration options.

When you register, you are registering for access to not only South Kingstown Public Schools' open solicitations, but also solicitations from hundreds of other participating agencies throughout Rhode Island.

Free registration will send you automatic notification of matching solicitations from the South Kingstown Public Schools and allows you to access documents, respond to electronic bids and more;

Vendor Registration Options	FREE <i>Notification of bids</i> \$0 annually	GROUP <i>Advanced Search</i> \$108 annually	STATEWIDE <i>Notification of over 100 additional agencies in RI</i> \$396 annually
Access Bids from Purchasing Group Agencies	✓	✓	✓
Receive matching bid & addenda notifications	✓	✓	✓
Filter bids through advanced search	X	✓	✓
Access a dashboard of your bid history	X	✓	✓
Receive expiring term contract opportunities	X	✓	✓
Access more bids through the entire State	X	X	✓
Filter statewide bids through advanced search	X	X	✓
Receive notice of additional State & Local bids	X	X	✓

What information do I need to register on BidNet Direct?

Basic registration requires key contact information for your company's main user, such as company name, address, and phone number. Once you have completed the basic registration, you will receive an email to verify your account information. After your account is verified, you will be prompted to complete additional information, including NIGP Category code selections and any applicable Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) or Small Business (SB) certification information. You can start the [registration process here](#).

Will I be able to download documents?

Yes, all registered vendors can download documents from South Kingstown Public Schools along with other participating agency documents attached to matching solicitations.

Will South Kingstown Public Schools be accepting electronic bid submission?

Yes, South Kingstown Public Schools will start accepting electronic bid submission for solicitations published on BidNet Direct.

When do South Kingstown Public Schools see my submission?

Submitted documents are stored in a secure fashion with a high level of security. All bids remain encrypted and not readable until bids are opened by the buyer and only after the closing date and time have passed.

Where can I find help in submitting bids online?

Submitting bids online is simple. However, if you are having trouble, we have a dedicated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for Electronic Bid Submissions to guide you in submitting bids online.

I am having trouble registering or have a BidNet Direct question, who can I contact for assistance?

BidNet Direct's Vendor Support team is available M-F from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. EST. You can contact us at (800) 835-4603 or support@bidnet.com