



## The Source NC E-Procurement Newsletter

March 2015 Edition

---

**NC E-Procurement Conference Presentations** In February, the NC E-Procurement Team hosted sessions at the below two conferences. Please click on the links to view the presentation slides.

- [North Carolina Association of School Business Officials \(NCASBO\) Annual Conference Presentation](#)
- [Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing \(CAGP\) Governmental Purchasing Conference Presentation](#)

**Consolidated Contracts** The contracts 285B, 285C, 340A, 445A, 450A, and 475A have merged with contract [445B - Maintenance, Repair, and Operations Supplies](#). Please access the W W GRAINGER INC – 445B punchout catalog to locate items previously listed under the other contracts.

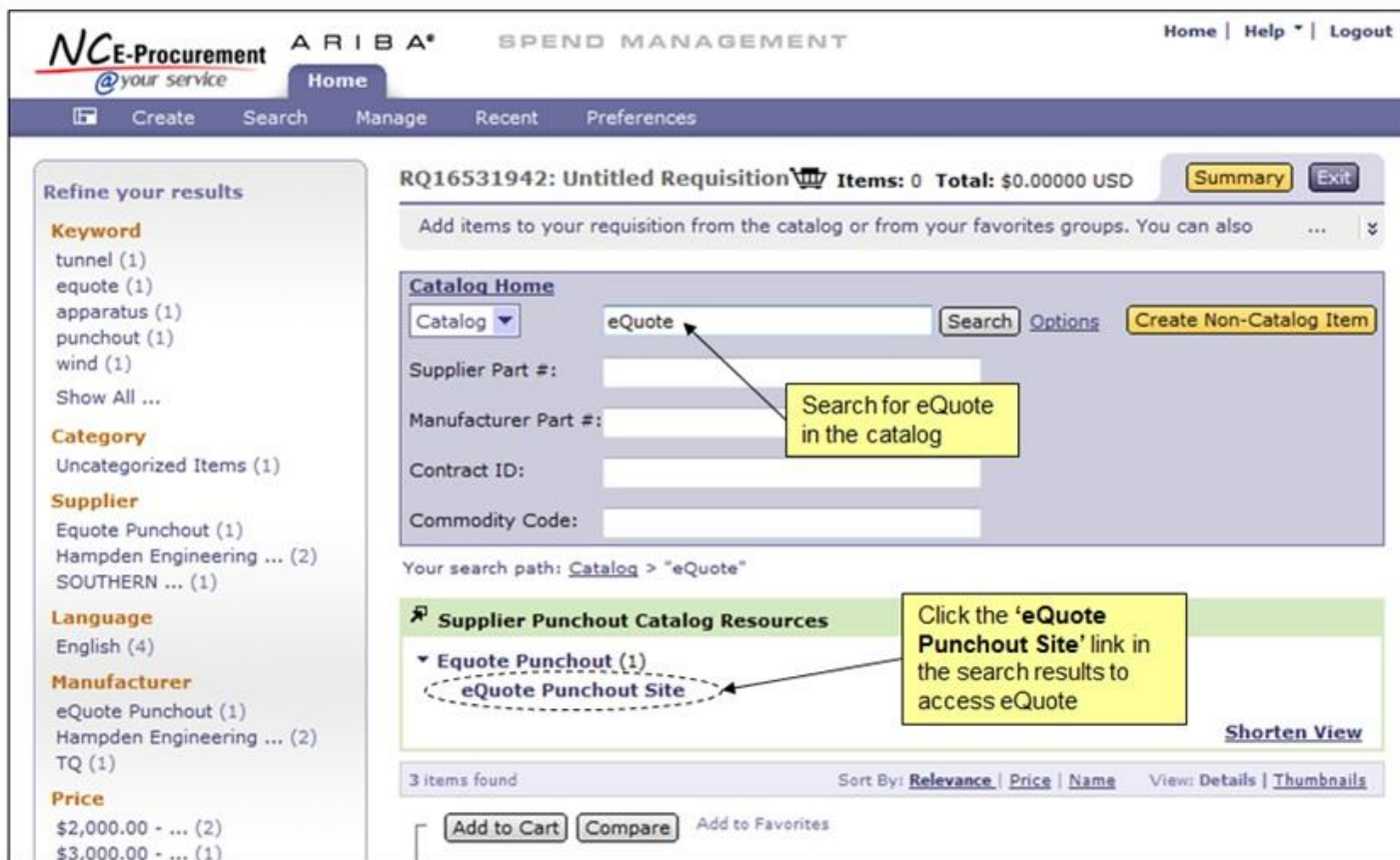
**Contract 920A Commodity Code** Please be advised that all purchases off contract [920A – Web-Based Training Services](#) should be entered with a commodity code of **'920-91 – Training, Computer Based (Software Supported).'** It is important to enter the appropriate commodity code when adding a line item in NC E-Procurement, as it helps the State in determining what commodities are being purchased and what commodities should be on state contract for better pricing. Resources for selecting commodity codes can be found on the [NC E-Procurement web site](#).

**Commodity Codes for Pre-Paid Cards** Please note purchases of pre-paid gas cards, debit cards, phone cards, etc. are considered financial services, and a 900-level commodity code should be selected when adding a non-catalog line item to an eRequisition to purchase such items. Please use one of the below commodity codes:

- **946-35** - Credit Card, Charge Card Services
  - **946-70** - Payment Card Services
-

**Tips & Tricks: eQuote** eQuote is an efficient, cost-saving tool for obtaining informal quotes in NC E-Procurement. The eQuote tool allows users to request pricing on goods and services from one or more suppliers. eQuote is accessed just like a punchout catalog in NC E-Procurement. Search for 'eQuote' (without the quotes) in the catalog and then click 'eQuote Punchout Site' to begin creating an eQuote. Suppliers will submit their quotes through the same eQuote tool, creating an electronic audit trail. Once a buyer has awarded items on the eQuote website, the items are automatically transferred into NC E-Procurement as line items on the eRequisition.

For detailed instructions on how to create eQuote items, please view the 'eRequisition eQuote Item' job aid on the [User Training page](#) of the NC E-Procurement web site.



Looking for more NC E-Procurement Tips and Tricks? All tips covered in this and previous issues of [The Source](#) may be found on the [System Tips](#) page of the NC E-Procurement web site!

### Follow-Up

This newsletter was sent to NC E-Procurement users from non-integrated entities.

Questions about information covered in this Newsletter? Send an e-mail to: [ephelpdesk@its.nc.gov](mailto:ephelpdesk@its.nc.gov)