

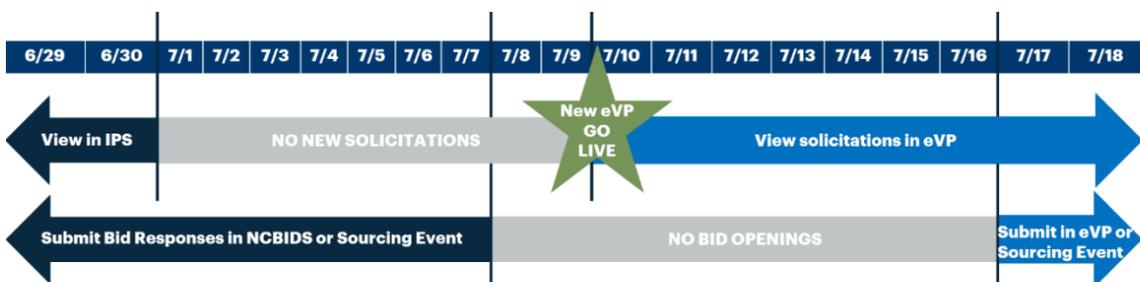


The New eVP - Updates

May 2023

New electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) goes live Monday, July 10, 2023!

The functions of the current eVP, Interactive Purchasing System (IPS), and North Carolina Business Invitation Delivery System (NC BIDS) will be migrated to the new system on this date. To support this transition, adjustments may be made to solicitation and bid schedules.



- No new solicitations will be posted from July 1 - 9. Previously posted solicitations will remain visible in IPS.
- Beginning July 10, solicitations will be posted in the new eVP.
- No bid openings will occur from July 8 - 16.

Note: Solicitations posted in IPS on or before June 30, with a bid opening date on or after July 17, will be migrated to the new eVP.

NEW ENHANCEMENTS

Public Solicitations Search

Vendors can search for, view, and respond to solicitations, and view addenda, tabulations, and awards all from the Public Solicitations Search. Responding to a solicitation electronically will require logging into eVP.

Solicitation Number	Project Title	Description	Opening Date ↑	Posted Date	Status	Department
DPCA12345000	Downtown Redesign Concepts	Alps designs LLC	3/27/2023 4:00 AM	3/22/2023	Pending Selection	+++NCEP Sourcing Purchase & Contract+++
Papertest01	JH Test Solicitation - Paper	Test Solicitation	3/27/2023 8:00 AM	3/22/2023	Pending Selection	HUB
PC112233	New mops	New mops needed	3/27/2023 12:00 PM	3/22/2023	Pending Selection	HUB

Example table of solicitations available for public view in the new eVP.

Respond to NCEP Solicitations without Ariba Discovery

Vendors will no longer use Ariba Discovery to respond to Ariba Sourcing events. Registered vendors will indicate intent to bid in eVP which will trigger an email, inviting vendors directly to the NCEP Sourcing Event. An Ariba Network account is still needed to respond.

Solicitation Number	Department	Posted Date
246-RC123	HUB	5/8/2023
Opening Date *	Commodity Code	Mandatory Conference/Site Visit
12/20/2023 2:00 PM	Commercial and office building construction services	—
Description *	Road work -downtown	

Example of Sourcing solicitation. Registered vendors click on 'Intends to Participate' to gain access to respond in Ariba.

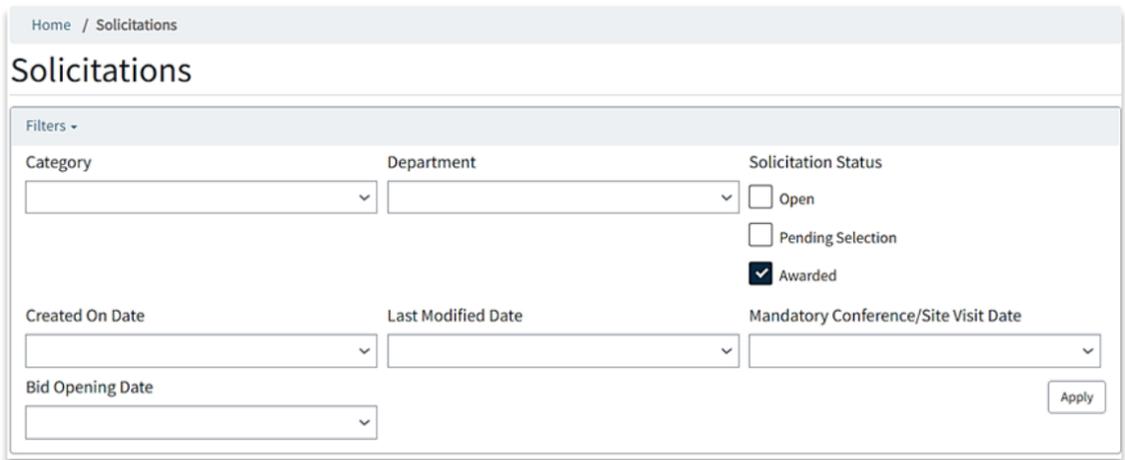
Electronic Bid Submissions

The eVP electronic bid response submission interface will boast a much larger file size limit and the following attachment types: PDF, JPG, JPEG, PNG, MP4, CAD, DWG, etc. **Note:** Bid notifications will be sent from vendor@nc.gov and will be consolidated into a single nightly email with one line item for each solicitation of interest.

Example of a bid submission page where registered vendors can upload documents up to 125MB each.

Searching Awarded Bids

The eVP Public Solicitations Search page will include the ability to locate awarded bids by filtering by solicitation status.



The screenshot shows a web interface for searching solicitations. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail 'Home / Solicitations' and a title 'Solicitations'. Below this is a 'Filters -' section. It contains several filter categories: 'Category' and 'Department' are dropdown menus; 'Solicitation Status' has three radio button options: 'Open', 'Pending Selection', and 'Awarded', with 'Awarded' selected; 'Created On Date', 'Last Modified Date', and 'Mandatory Conference/Site Visit Date' are date range dropdown menus; and 'Bid Opening Date' is a date dropdown menu. An 'Apply' button is located at the bottom right of the filter section.

Example of the filters section on the Public Solicitations Search page filtered by solicitation status of 'Awarded.'

TRAINING UPDATE

Mark your calendar for a training webinar on topics such as responding to solicitations and eVP account management. This is one session that will be offered three times:

- Wednesday, June 28
- Thursday, June 29
- Thursday, July 6

The session will be recorded and made accessible for later viewing. Additional training materials will be available when the new system goes live.

Stay tuned for more emails highlighting new features. More information can be found on the [NCEP News & Events page](#).

This message was sent to all vendors registered in the electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) to do business with the state of North Carolina. For any questions regarding this communication, contact the Help Desk at vendor@nc.gov or 888-211-7440, option 2, M-F 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.