



**Questions asked during the eVP NCEP Sourcing Users Webinar  
June 22, 2023**

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CATEGORY	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Webinar Logistics	Good Morning, will a copy of these slides be made available to all attendees? Thank you.	We will share the deck along with the recording of the webinar in the near future.
	When will this training be available for the participants of this webinar?	Job Aids and enhancements to the training resources posted at <a href="http://eprocurement.nc.gov">eprocurement.nc.gov</a> will be updated in the near future.
Public eVP	Does EVP have a link to the NC Secretary of State website?	There is not a link to the Secretary of State's website, but the new system does allow a vendor to indicate that they are registered with the Secretary of State.
	Can you search by commodity code?	Yes, searching by commodity code can be done in Public Vendor Search.
	Is there a way to access all solicitations posted across the state?	In the Agency App, users will only see solicitations tied to their Entity. In the public view, posted solicitations are visible across all agencies.
Publishing a Sourcing Event	Enhancement Overview	A major part of this upgrade is the automatic posting of public solicitations to eVP (the new IPS). To make that possible, we have removed Ariba Discovery from the Sourcing process. It is being replaced in step 2 (Suppliers) by directly inviting a specific generic vendor. For solicitations that need to be posted publicly, you will always click "Invite Suppliers" on that page and include "NC eProcurement Sourcing" as the vendor. This will automatically post the solicitation to the Agency App and Public eVP (as well as the HUB Opportunities page).
	Special Delegation? Exemptions? Sole Source RFQ?	If the Sourcing Project you created is Non-IT and a Waiver of Competition (Sole Source) has been approved, or an IT RFQ, SOW, RFI, or Exception Request Only has been selected, then you will not include the "NC eProcurement Sourcing" vendor, but rather the exact vendors you want to invite to respond, and it will not post publicly to eVP. Only those vendors will have access to view and respond.
	What if you do not know participant?	For publicly posted solicitations, you will select the "NC eProcurement Sourcing" vendor which will trigger the public posting. All vendors registered with the commodity code selected on the Sourcing Event will receive an email notifying them that a solicitation opportunity matches their vendor profile. Any registered vendor will have the ability to respond. To conduct a non-public solicitation (sole source, etc.), you must know the registered vendor you'd like to invite.
	Has this already changed. problems with Step 2 today?	No, this will change as part of the eVP go-live on July 10.
eVP Agency App	What is the time limit before logout?	System time out is 30 minutes for the new eVP Agency App.
Vendor Responses	How do other Vendors not see Sole Source?	Because Sole Source solicitations are not posted publicly, only vendors you add to the Suppliers tab will be invited to see that specific Sourcing Event.
	Does a vendor HAVE to click "intend to participate" in order to submit a bid?	To respond electronically, a registered vendor must be signed into their eVP account and will need to click the "Intends to Participate" button. After doing so, they are automatically added to the Team Tab of the Sourcing Event and they will receive an email from Ariba letting them know they've been invited to respond. When they log into their Ariba account, they can view and respond to the Sourcing Event the same as they do today.



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Bid Tabulations & Awards	What if we have a 2 step solicitation. How will the tabulation work?	Tabulation should work the same. For the first step, you can list all the vendors who participated without pricing. Once step one is completed, eliminate vendors and proceed to step two for pricing evaluation. When you are ready to post your final Bid Tabulations, edit the tabulations with final pricing for vendors who were included in round two.
	How do you complete the bid tabulation if one of the responding Vendors is not registered in eProcurement.	A vendor must be registered in eVP to be able to select 'Intends to Participate.' As a result, they would be selectable when completing the bid tabulation.
	Will the awarded vendor receive an email from the system letting them know it's awarded to them?	The awarded vendor will not receive an email from the system letting them know that they were awarded the contract.
Contract Extensions	For Contract Extensions do you need to just post Contract extensions (extending past expiration after all renewals done) or do you post renewals as well? (like optional year 2 of 3 of the Contract). Thanks!	Contract Extensions are different than Contract Renewals. The option for Contract Renewals is negotiated during the solicitation process, and do not need to be announced publicly. Contract Extensions, however, are extensions to an expiring contract that were not originally anticipated. They are required to be announced publicly through the new eVP because the new, extended term was not put out for public bid.
Training Site	Previously, we had a place (dummy site) to work with the new system before "Go Live" Is there something similar with this update?	Prior to go-live, there is no training environment available.