

To increase efficiency and cost effectiveness for contractors and the agency, KTA has adopted an electronic bidding process for construction contracts. Electronic bids will be submitted on bidexpress.com as the primary method of bid submission.

KTA Contract No. 7048 will be the first contract to use electronic bids. Proposals will be accepted electronically through BidExpress until Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. All bids must be submitted electronically through BidExpress. It is strongly recommended contractors become familiar with the electronic process, as KTA will only be accepting electronic bids starting with KTA Contract No. 7048.

All electronic bidders must register on bidexpress.com and create an Info Tech Digital ID for free, which is used to digitally sign bids. Digital IDs/Signatures assures KTA knows who the bid is from (forgery resistance), ensures that nobody can alter a bid (non-repudiation), prevents the information in a bid from disclosure to unauthorized parties (secrecy), and safeguards that even authorized parties cannot access them prior to the public opening (sealing).

Contractors can retrieve plans and specs for our projects, and are automatically added to the plan holders list. With electronic bids, the as read bids are released within minutes and the bid tab is completed a short while later.

Secure electronic bidding allows contractors to:

- Eliminate late bids due to weather, mail, and traffic delays
- Minimize bid disqualification due to omissions
- Reduce costs removing delivery, printing, and resource costs
- Bid and re-bid until the last minute
- Download bid documents including plans for free
- Validate bid bonds online

Learn more on the [vendor resources page](#) or this [vendor overview](#) PDF.

It can take up to five business days to process your Digital ID and it is highly recommended that a Digital ID be enabled 48 hours in advance of submitting an electronic bid. Please plan accordingly. A fee of \$25 will be incurred for those who wish to bid electronically on a pay-per solicitation basis. Alternatively, you may subscribe for \$50 per month for unlimited electronic bid submission to all agencies that post solicitations on bidexpress.com, plus get email notifications by agency/work type/commodity code.

For bidders who are bidding online and wish to utilize the electronic bid bond option, please see the [FAQs](#) page regarding electronic bid bonds (bottom of the page in the link).

For additional guidance, please contact the Bid Express team at toll free (888) 352-2439 (select option 1) or at support@bidexpress.com.