

Job Aid:

How to Create a World Trade Organization (WTO) Intent to Post

This Job Aid shows how to:

Create a World Trade Organization (WTO) Notice of Intent to Post from an approved requisition in COMMBUYS.

Of Special Note:

In compliance with the WTO's [Agreement on Government Procurement \(AGP\)](#), departments seeking goods and services including human and social services valued at more than \$498,000 or construction valued at more than \$7,008,000 must post either:

- a) **Full Bid documents and materials** for at least 40 days prior to the Bid Opening Date (in which case, please use a different job aid titled *How to Create a Bid Using a Requisition* or *How to Create a Bid From Scratch*), **or**
- b) **An Intent to Post notice with a later amendment to add the full bid documents and materials** for a combined period of at least 40 days prior to the Bid Opening Date. This is a two-step process:
 - As the first step, departments must create a bid record with the full bid title in the description field and attach the Intent to Post notice as provided in Appendix 1. The title of such a bid record should not include the words “announcement only,” because this field cannot be amended after bid publication.
 - As the second step of the process, departments must amend the COMMBUYS bid record and add the full bid documents to it. A separate COMMBUYS bid record with the full bid documents may not be created.

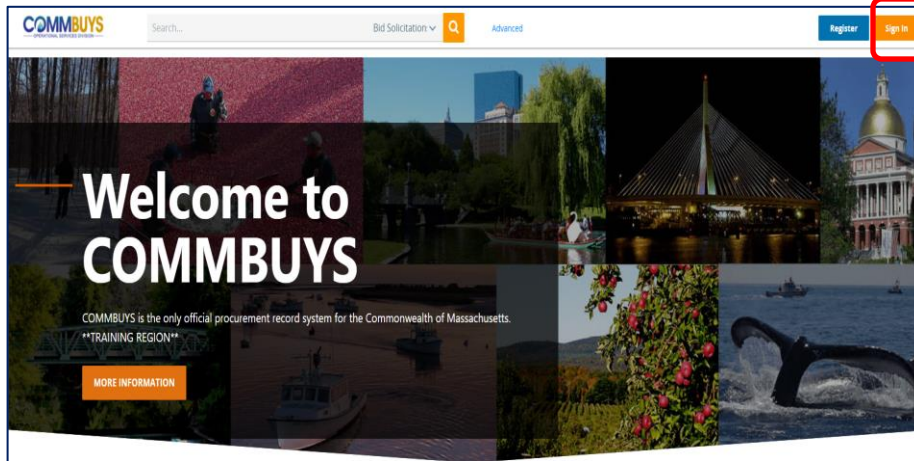
Goods and services department bids with a total value of \$492,000 or greater require a minimum of (40) days advance notice pursuant to the WTO Treaty on Government Procurement.

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Step 1: Logging in to COMMBUYS

1. Launch the COMMBUYS website by entering the URL
<https://www.commbuys.com>
2. Click on the orange **Sign In** button in the upper right-hand corner.



3. Enter your **Login ID** and **Password** and click on the **Sign In** button.

NOTE: If you forget either, click on the down arrow next to the **Login Assistance** field.

Step 2: Selecting the Requisition

In the **Recent Documents** box, click on the blue hyperlink of the desired requisition.

NOTE: You may also locate the desired requisition by clicking on the green **Requisition(s) Ready for Purchasing** box in the top of the screen, or by clicking on the **Req** icon on the left side of the page.

Document #	Type	Description	Status	Last Viewed
BD-21-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-60879	Bid	frammus	Opened	12/02/2021
BD-21-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-60880	Bid	widget	In Progress	12/02/2021
RQ-21-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-347317	Requisition	widget	Gone to Bid	12/02/2021
RQ-21-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-347316	Requisition	widget	In Progress	12/02/2021
PO-21-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-21727	Contract / Blanket	frammus	Sent	12/02/2021

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Open Market Requisition RQ-17-1080-OSD01-DSOEP-77734

General Items Attachments Requisition History Requisition Summary

Header Information

Requisition Number:	801-17-1080-OSD01-DSOEP-77734	Short Description:	Information	Status:	1000 - Ready for Requisitioning
Organization:	Department of Defense	Location:	OSD01 - Emergency	Required By Date:	
Department:	OSD01 - Operational Services Division	Requisition Type:	Open Market	Type Code:	
Entered Date:	12/14/2016	Purchaser:	Paul Brown	Fiscal Year:	2017
Requisition:	Paul Brown	Contact Phone:	202-755-1525	Alternate ID:	
Contact:	Paul Brown	Print Format:	Requisition Print		
Estimated Cost:	\$0.00				
Submission Enabled:	No				
Invoice Method:	Invoice By Month				
P-Card Enabled:	No				
Ship-to Address:	Accounts Payable 1 Department Plaza Room 1000 Baltimore, MD 21204 US Email: ap@defenseconnect.com Phone: 212-685-1000	Bill-to Address:	OSD0101 1 Department Plaza Room 1000 Baltimore, MD 21204 US Email: ap@defenseconnect.com Phone: 212-685-1000 801 Reference: Pacific Island		

Special Instructions:

Attachments

Agency Files:
Agency Photos:
Vendor Files:
Vendor Photos:

Items Information:

Approval Paths

There are no approval paths found for this requisition.

Approval Actions

Requisition: ☐ Disapproved
Comments:

Save & Exit

Convert to Bid Convert to PO Create Requisition Close Requisition Print

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Current: 1717 Operational Services (Requisition) / Requisition: 17-1080-OSD01-DSOEP-77734

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Step 3: Converting the Requisition to a Bid

The Requisition opens to the Summary tab. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the **Convert to Bid** button.

Step 4: Confirming the Conversion

A popup screen displays asking if you are sure about the conversion. If so, click on the **OK** button.

Message from webpage

Are you sure you want to convert this requisition to a bid?

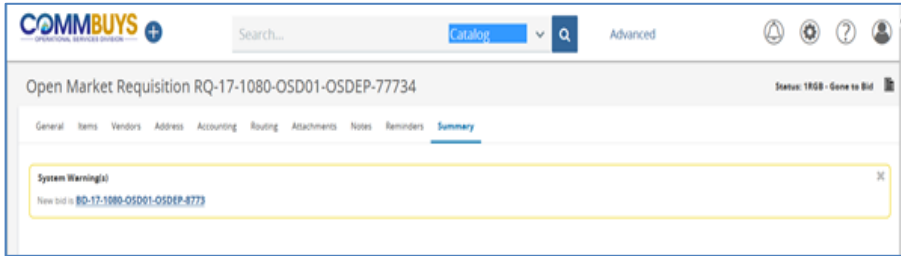
OK Cancel

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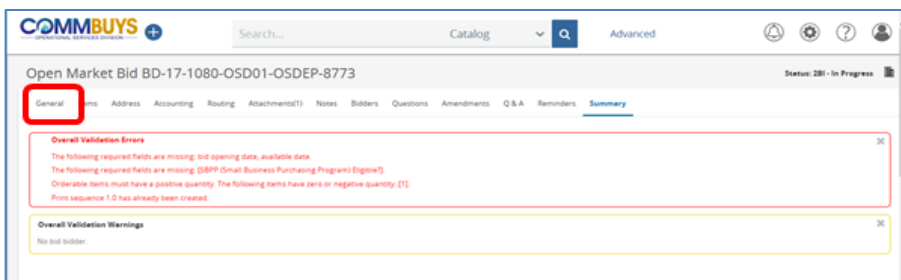
Step 5: Opening the Bid

The requisition re-displays with a status of Gone to Bid, and the yellow System Warning(s) box displays a blue hyperlink to the bid. Click on the **blue hyperlink**.



Step 6: Viewing the Bid Summary Page

The Bid Summary page displays with General Validation Errors identified in the red box, and General Validations Warnings identified in the yellow box. To begin resolving these, click on the **General** tab.



Open Market Bid BD-22-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-69499 Status: 280 - In Progress

General | Info | Address | Accounting | Routing | Attachments | Notes | Bidders | Questions | Amendments | Q&A | Reminders | Summary

General Validation Errors

The following required fields are missing: bid opening date, available date.

The following required fields are missing: (SBPP (Small Business Purchasing Program) Eligible) Procurement Type, Estimated Award Date.

Bid Number: BD-22-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-69499

Status: Type Code

Description*: Test for job aid

Purchase*: O'Malley IS, Bid

Department*: BIDS1 - Procurement Department

Location*: BIDS1 - Procurement

Show on Web: ☒

Required Date: Available Date*: (MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS AM or PM)

Bid Type: Closed Bid

Estimated Cost: \$1.00

Alternate ID:

Purchase Method*: Blanket

Blanket Begin Date*: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Tax Rate: Blanket End Date*: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Solicitation Enabled: Yes

Item Single Award Only: ☐

Allow Vendors to Submit Multiple/Alternate Quotes: ☒

Info Contact: Contract Bid O'Malley IS at (817) 899-9999

Pre-Bid Conference: (Max size: 250 characters)

Bulletin Desc: (Max size: 300 characters)

Quote Notification: ☐

SBPP (Small Business Purchasing Program) Eligible*: Procurement Type*

See SBPP requirements and exceptions at www.mass.gov/sbpp

Estimated Award Date*: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Date Last Updated: 12/30/2021 01:54:07 PM

User Last Updated: Bill O'Malley IS

Save & Continue

Step 7: Completing the Bid General Tab

The **General** tab displays. All information from the requisition (except Notes/Reminders) is automatically populated into the bid. The fields that require completion include:

Type Code: Using the dropdown arrow, select one of the following:

- **NS:** Bid for a non-statewide (departmental) solicitation
- **SS:** Bid for a statewide solicitation – **for OSD use only.**

Available Date*: Enter the date the bid (solicitation) will be made available for vendors to view and submit quotes. Click on the calendar icon to set the desired month, day, and time.

Purchase Method*: The following options display in the dropdown menu:

- **Open Market:** Select for a one-time purchase/award
- **Blanket:** Select if the Bid is going to result in a contract award. If selected, a pop-up message appears. Click on the **OK** button and two new fields will display and must be completed:

- **Blanket Begin Date:** (the estimated contract beginning date)
- **Blanket End Date:** the (estimated contract ending date).

Bid Opening Date*: Enter the date that quotes will no longer be accepted and submitted quotes can be opened for viewing. Click on the calendar icon to set the desired

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month, day, and time (using the slide bars).

NOTE: If the year must be changed, select the desired year before selecting the month, day, and time.

SBPP (Small Business Purchasing Program) Eligible?* – If displayed, select **Yes** from the dropdown menu if the transaction will likely total \$250K or less. Select **No** if over \$250K or if not applicable.

Procurement Type: Use the dropdown menu to select the type of solicitation.

Estimated Award Date: Enter the anticipated date the solicitation will be awarded.

When complete, click on the **Save & Continue** button to save the information entered on both sides of the General tab.

Step 8: Reviewing the Items and Address Tabs

1. Click on the **Items** tab.
2. Review to ensure all items were imported from the Requisition.

NOTE: Items may be amended once the full Bid materials are published.

3. Click on the **Address** tab and verify the Ship-to and Bill-to addresses.

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Step 9: Accessing the Attachments Tab

1. Click on the **Attachments** tab.
2. To add a file, click the **Add File** button.

NOTE: Attachments that require a vendor response are identified by clicking on the **Add Required Quote Attachment** button and completing the **Desired Attachment Name:** and **Description** fields.

General Items Address Accounting Routing **Attachments** Notes Bidders Questions Amendments Q & A Reminders Summary

Marking an item "Confidential" will ensure the document is only seen by relevant personnel and will not be displayed publicly.

Files

Click **Add File** to add file attachments.

No File Attachments

Required Quote Attachments

(These are attachments requested by the Agency, and a Quote response must include them to be submitted)

Add Required Quote Attachment

This will require a Quote Response to have a file attached before Quote can be submitted.
This does not control what file is attached, the Vendor is responsible for attaching a relevant file.
This does not prevent a Vendor from attaching a non-relevant file, or a file of a different name than expected.

Save & Continue Add File

Marking an item "Confidential" will ensure the document is only seen by relevant personnel and will not be displayed publicly.

Files

Click **Add File** to add file attachments.

No File Attachments

Required Quote Attachments

(These are attachments requested by the Agency, and a Quote response must include them to be submitted)

Desired Attachment Name:	Description:	
		Remove

Add Required Quote Attachment

This will require a Quote Response to have a file attached before Quote can be submitted.
This does not control what file is attached, the Vendor is responsible for attaching a relevant file.
This does not prevent a Vendor from attaching a non-relevant file, or a file of a different name than expected.

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Add File

Name is the display name for the file that will appear where attachment repository files are displayed. It can be different from the name on disk and can contain alphanumeric characters, spaces, and special characters up to a maximum length of 200.

Name:

Description:

File:

Location: 1080

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Step 10: Adding Files

1. In the **Name** field enter **"Intent to Post"**. The Description field is optional.
2. Click on the **Browse** button to select a file. **NOTE:** This button is called Choose File in Google Chrome.
3. You must select the **Intent to Post** file that includes the verbiage in Appendix 1 that is displayed at the end of this job aid.
4. To add any additional files, click on the **Save & Continue** button.
5. Repeat as necessary until all required documents are added.

After file upload is complete, click on the **Save & Exit** button.

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General Items Address Accounting Routing **Attachments(1)** Notes Bidders Questions Amendments Q & A Reminders Summary

Files

Name	Description	Show Vendor	Order	Attached By	Attached Date	Delete
Intent to Post	(view details)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0		12/14/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>

Step 11: Viewing the Attachment

The Attachment Tab page displays the attached file name after a file upload completes.

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General Items Vendors Address Accounting Routing Attachments(1) **Notes** Reminders Summary

Delete All ☐

Note Date	User	Note
	Paul Martin	<input type="text"/>

Step 12: Completing the Notes Tab

1. Click on the **Notes** tab.
2. Enter any desired notes pertaining to the bid. This is an internal note.
3. Click on the **Save & Continue** button when done.

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General Items Address Accounting Routing Attachments(1) Notes **Bidders** Questions Amendments Q & A Reminders Summary

General Subcontractors Quote Activity

Vendor Validation Warnings
No bid bidder.

Select bidder participation, open or closed, and select vendors to notify

☒ Unrestricted bid, all vendors can view and respond

☐ Restricted bid, only selected vendors can view and respond

Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Vendor Address	Preferred Delivery Method

☒ Show Unit Prices to Vendors

☐ Hide Bid Holder List on Vendor Side

Before you look up bid vendors or add a new vendor, please save your unsaved changes. Otherwise you will lose those changes.

Save & Continue Lookup & Add Vendors

Directions

Step 13: Completing the Bidders Tab

1. Click on the **Bidders** tab.
2. Bids that fall under the WTO requirement are open bids. Click on the **Unrestricted bid** radio button.
3. Click on the **Save & Continue** button.
4. If you want vendors to see your price, select the **Show Unit Prices to Vendors** checkbox, and ensure that the **Hide Bid Holder List on Vendor Side** checkbox is deselected.

To add Vendors to be notified of the bid via email, click on the **Lookup & Add Vendors** button.

Step 14: Adding Vendors

1. Scroll to the bottom of the Lookup & Add Vendors screen.

Click on the **Find Vendors for All Commodity-EPPs on the Bid** button

Lookup & Add Reference Vendors - Bid BD-17-1080-OSD01-OSDEP-8773

Vendor Lookup

Search Using:

Find It Clear

Search Fields:

Vendor ID	<input type="text"/>	Vendor Name	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Tax ID	<input type="text"/>	Show <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Legal Name	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Keyword	<input type="text"/>	Alternate ID	<input type="text"/>
ZIP Code	<input type="text"/>	County	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Suppliers <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Vendor			
UNSPSC Segment-Family	<input type="text"/>		
UNSPSC Class	<input type="text"/>		
UNSPSC Keyword	<input type="text"/>		
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
DOBE Category	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
DUNS Number	<input type="text" value="This is the DUNS number assigned to my Business"/>		
Environmentally Preferable Product	<input type="text" value="No"/>		
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Minority Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Portuguese Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Prompt Pay Discount	<input type="text" value="No"/>		
Are you interested in partnering as a Prime/Sub contractor?	<input type="text" value="No"/>		
Geographical Service Area in Massachusetts	<input type="text" value="Western Massachusetts"/>		
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Women Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Business Structure	<input type="text" value="Sole Proprietor"/>		
AGREEMENT AND TERMS OF USE FOR SELLERS	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>		
Business Type	<input type="text" value="Business Enterprise (for profit)"/>		
Veteran Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Women Non-profit Organization (W/NPO)	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Program <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Purchasing Program			

Browse by: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Find It Clear

Find Vendors for All Commodity-EPPs on the Bid Close Window

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Lookup & Add Reference Vendors - Bid BD-17-1080-OSD01-OSDEP-8773

Vendor Lookup

1:25 of 145
1 2 3 4 5 6

Select	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Alternate ID	Last PO Date	Last Bid Date	Address	City	State	Contact Name	Phone	Reference Vendor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00011248	A.J. Roberts Mechanical Company L.L.C.				8 Shire Drive Suite 2B	Norfolk	MA	Anthony Roberto	(123)456-7890	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000364	A.R. Plante Industries, LLC				14 Berwick Rd.	South Easton	MA	Andrew Plante	(123)456-7890	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000316	Acetech Inc.				33 Moulton Street	Cambridge	MA	Colleen Anderson	(123)456-7890	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000667	ADA Solutions, Inc.				10 Elizabeth Drive, Unit 5	Chelmsford	MA	Patrick Callahan	(123)456-7890	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00009185	algosquian construction				14 Hawthorne st, spfld.ma	spfld	MA	johnny walker	(123)456-7890	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00016957	Allegiant, Inc.				470 Atlantic Avenue 4th Floor Boston	Boston	MA	Ty Hollins	(123)456-7890	No

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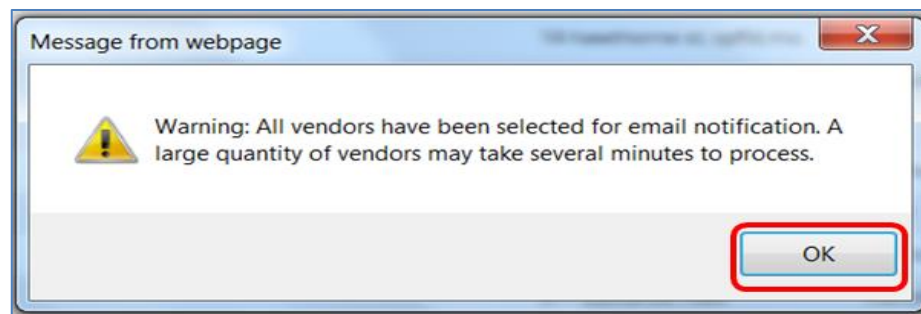
Step 15: Selecting Vendors

1. To select vendors, click the checkbox in the **Select** column of the desired vendor row.

NOTE: If you would like to select all the vendors displayed on this page to receive email notification, select the checkbox at the top of the **Select** column.

Step 16: Saving the Vendors

1. If you have selected the checkbox at the top of the **Select** column, a popup message notifies that all vendors have been selected.
2. Click on the **OK** button.
3. Click on the **Save & Exit** button at the bottom of the screen to save your selections.



Step 17: Selecting Additional Vendors

1. Repeat Step 13 to add additional vendors.

The Lookup & Add Vendors screen allows you to search for vendors by vendor characteristics such as vendor name and ID or by entering all relevant commodity codes to the notification list then clicking the **Find It** button.

Repeat Step 15 (mark check boxes) to select additional vendors.

Lookup & Add Reference Vendors - Bid BD-17-1080-OSD01-OSDEP-8773

Vendor Lookup

Search Using:

Search Fields:

Vendor ID	<input type="text"/>	Vendor Name	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Tax ID	<input type="text"/>	Show <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Legal Name	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Keyword	<input type="text"/>	Alternate ID	<input type="text"/>
ZIP Code	<input type="text"/>	County	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Suppliers <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Vendor			
UNSPSC Segment-Family	<input type="text"/>		
UNSPSC Class	<input type="text"/>		
UNSPSC Keyword	<input type="text"/>		
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
DOBE Category	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
DUNS Number	<input type="text" value="This is the DUNS number assigned to my Business"/>		
Environmentally Preferable Product	<input type="text" value="No"/>		
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Minority Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Portuguese Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Prompt Pay Discount	<input type="text" value="No"/>		
Are you interested in partnering as a Prime/Sub contractor?	<input type="text" value="No"/>		
Geographical Service Area in Massachusetts	<input type="text" value="Western Massachusetts"/>		
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Women Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Business Structure	<input type="text" value="Sole Proprietor"/>		
AGREEMENT AND TERMS OF USE FOR SELLERS	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>		
Business Type	<input type="text" value="Business Enterprise (for profit)"/>		
Veteran Owned Business Enterprise	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Women Non-profit Organization (W/NPO)	<input type="text" value="Not Certified"/>		
Program <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Purchasing Program			

Browse by:

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General Items Address Accounting Routing Attachments(1) Notes Bidders **Questions** Amendments Q & A Reminders Summary

Delete All	Question #	Print Sequence	Required	Question	Response Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	1.0	<input type="checkbox"/>		AVAILABLE

Save & Continue **Reset**

Directions

Step 18: Completing the Questions Tab

If desired, click on the **Questions** tab. If questions are added click on the **Save & Continue** button.

Note: It is recommended that questions be populated as an attachment at the time of publication of the full bid materials.

Note: The **Amendments** tab has no functionality until after the bid is posted. It is used only after bid is final and complete and the actual bid solicitation is attached.

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General Items Address Accounting Routing Attachments(1) Notes Bidders Questions Amendments **Q & A** Reminders Summary

Question #	Created Date	User Created	Question Subject	Question	Answer	Show All on Web	Show Original Vendor Only	Delete All
Add New:						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Allow vendor to submit questions
☐ Send notification when vendor submitting question

Save & Continue **Reset**

Step 19: Completing the Q&A Tab

1. Click on the **Q&A** tab. If a dialogue with the vendor is desired, select the **Allow vendor to submit questions** checkbox.

Recommendation: Don't enable the Q&A functionality until after the publication of the full Bid materials.

2. If you would like COMMBUYS to notify you when a vendor submits a question, select the **Send notification when vendor submitting question** checkbox.
3. If desired, you and/or the vendor can enter a **Question Subject** and **Question** into the respective fields, and the other party can respond in the **Answer** field.

If you wish to display the dialogue on the Web, select the **Show on Web** checkbox. This is the best practice since all vendors will be able to view the questions and answers while maintaining a fair, open, and competitive environment.

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General Items Address Accounting Routing Attachments(1) Notes Bidders Questions Amendments Q & A **Reminders** Summary

Due Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Comment* (max 250 characters)	Remind Whom*	Days Prior to Reminder*	Date Completed (MM/DD/YYYY)	Send Email	Date Entered	Entered By
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Save & Continue **Reset**

Directions

Step 20: Completing the Reminders Tab

1. If desired, click the **Reminders** tab to send a reminder to yourself or another person internal to your organization.
2. Use the calendar icon in the **Due Date** field to select the date of the reminder then enter your reminder text in the **Comment** field.
3. Select yourself or another internal recipient in the drop-down menu next to the **Remind Whom** field.
4. If you would like to send a "tickler" or pre-notification in advance of the reminder, enter the number of days of the pre-notification in the **Days Prior to Reminder** field.
5. If you would like the reminder sent via email, select the **Send Email** checkbox.

When complete, click the **Save & Continue** button.

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Files: [Insert to Post](#)

Forms:

Item Information

Item # 1: construction goods 281 - In Progress

UNSPSC Code: 721315
Residential construction

Req # / Item #: RQ-17-1080-05001-05009-77734 / 1

Qty	Unit Cost	UOM	Total Discount Amt.	Tax Rate	Tax Amount	Total Cost
1.0	90.00	EA - Each		90.00	90.00	90.00

Manufacturer: Brand: Model:

Make: Packaging:

Account Code Amount

There is no item accounting available for this item.

Submit for Approval Cancel Bid Clone Bid Print

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Step 21: Submitting for Approval

1. Click on the **Summary** tab to review the bid information.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the **Submit for Approval** button.

Step 22: Sending the Bid

Once the Bid has been approved, the status shows Ready to Send. Return to the Summary tab of the bid, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the **Send Bid** button.

Manufacturer: Brand: Model:

Make: Packaging:

Account Code Amount

There is no item accounting available for this item.

Pre-Bid Approval Path:

There are no approval paths found for this Bid.

Send Bid Actions

Options: ☒ Change bid status to "Sent" and notify vendors ☐ Change bid status to "Sent"

Send Bid Cancel Bid Clone Bid Print

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000245	W.A.C. Contracting	William Contino (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00004308	Seaver Construction, Inc.	Andrew Frost (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00000360	Summit Principal Investments, LLC	Nick DiGiuseppe (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00018940	CTS Government Services, Inc.	Christine Varone (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00019840	Outside In Strategies, LLC	Michael Morris (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00015512	Kenough Construction Management	Raymond Kenough (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00000316	Agemach Inc.	Colleen Anderson (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00012197	Parma Home Improvements, LLC	Maria Parra (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00007962	Lucky Seven Carpet	Gabriel Chaitanburan (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00012238	U.W. Marx, Inc.	Charles Dofand (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00000364	A.R. Plante Industries, LLC	Andrew Plante (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00000365	AMX	jean-jodemer (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00006609	R.J. Gabriel Const. Co. Inc.	David Gabriel (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00019534	The McKisack Group, Inc.	Frank Memozia (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00008723	Pioneer Valley Development Company, Inc.	Carole Singh (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00001900	Shandari, Inc.	Betsy Brown (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00009707	F.L. Caulfield & Sons, Inc.	erin Murphey (test@perscopeholdings.com)
00020013	Bane	Edward Bane (Bane@moreply.com)
00020012	Kramenica	Cosma Kramenica (Kramenica@moreply.com)
00020015	Decelle	David Decelle (Decelle@moreply.com)

OK

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Step 23: Completing the Process

Click on the **OK** button to complete the process. This will notify any vendor listed on the bid as well as post the bid on COMMBUYS for all vendors to search and quote. This also changes the bid status to **Sent**.

Step 24: Retrieving the Bid

After posting the announcement, once the full bid information (e.g. the Request for Response document, final wording of the bid Items, questions for the Questions tab, etc.) is finalized and complete, select the bid from the Recent Documents box by clicking on the blue hyperlink or search by clicking

on the Bid Solicitations icon in the left column.

Step 25: Activating the Q&A Tab

If the **Q&A** functionality was not previously activated in Step 19, it can be activated at this time.

The screenshot shows the COMMBUYS dashboard with a sidebar on the left containing various icons. A red arrow points to the 'Bid Solicitations' icon. The main content area shows a 'Recent Documents' table with the following data:

Document #	Type	Description	Status	Last Viewed
RQ-22-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-387353	Request	safety gloves	Gone to PO	01/12/2022
RQ-22-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-387352	Request	stapler and pen order #23456	Gone to PO	01/12/2022
RQ-22-1990-BIDS1-BIDS1-387350	Request	pizza and chicken wings	Gone to PO	01/12/2022
PO-19-1080-OSD03-SRC01-15098	Contract / Blanket	GR038 - Prime Grocers	Sent	01/12/2022
PO-19-1080-OSD03-SRC01-15054	Contract / Blanket	GR038 - Prime Grocers	Sent	01/12/2022

The screenshot shows the 'Open Market Bid BD-17-1080-OSD01-OSDEP-8773' Q&A tab. The 'Add New' section is highlighted with a red box. The form includes fields for 'Question #', 'Created Date', 'User Created', 'Question Subject', 'Question', and 'Answer'. There are also checkboxes for 'Allow vendor to submit questions' and 'Send notification when vendor submitting question'. The 'Save & Continue' and 'Reset' buttons are at the bottom.

Screenshot

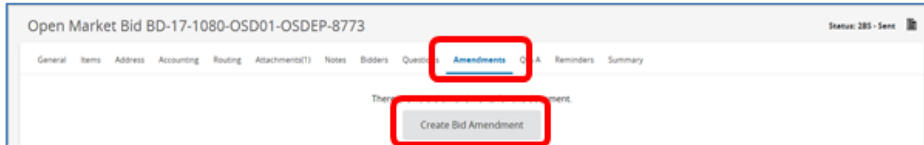
Directions

Step 26: Creating a Bid Amendment

If an amended bid is required:

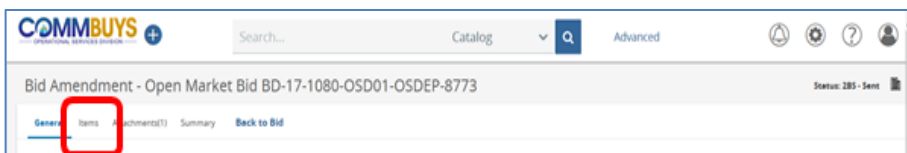
1. Click on the **Amendments** tab.

Click on the **Create Bid Amendment** button.



Step 27: Accessing the Items Tab

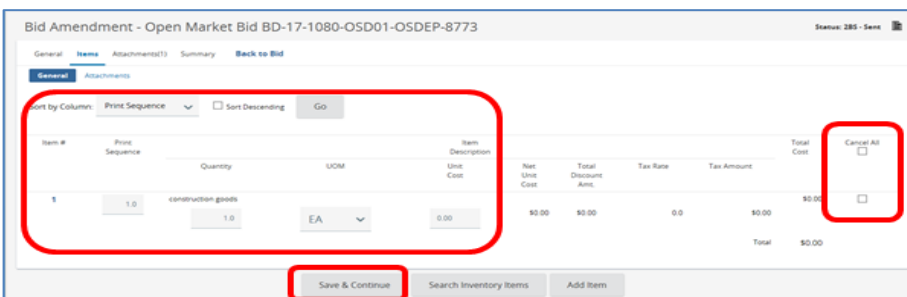
On the Bid Amendments screen click on the **Items** tab to modify the items.



Step 28: Amending Items

1. On the Items tab, you can amend the print sequence, quantity, unit of measure (UOM), unit cost, or cancel an item(s).

If you make changes, click on the **Save & Continue** button.



Screenshot

Directions

Step 29: Inserting Bid Amendment Attachments

On the Bid Amendments screen, click on the **Attachments** tab if you need to add an attachment. See Steps 9-11 on how to add an attachment.

Step 30: Viewing the Bid Attachment

1. The Bid Amendment screen displays the addition of the complete bid solicitation attachment.
2. Repeat Steps 9-11 to attach the list of questions required from the vendor as part of the bid.

Step 31: Applying the Amendment

1. Click on the **Summary** tab to review the amended bid information, including the addition of the new attachment containing the completed final Bid information
2. Click on the **Apply Bid Amendment** button.

This will notify any vendor listed on the bid of the amendment, as well as post it on COMMBUYS for all vendors to search and quote against.

These vendor names display as email recipients. Click on the **OK** button.

APPENDIX 1

World Trade Organization (WTO) Intent to Post Notice

Instructions: To create a WTO posting, Departments must create a Bid record with the full bid title in the Description field. The Description field cannot be amended once the Bid is posted, so the Description field should not contain the words “announcement only.” An attachment with the file name “IntentToPost” and the following content (with appropriate customization) must be attached to the Bid.

This is an announcement only. [Department Name] of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts intends to post a Bid for [scope description] and to require online Quote submission via COMMBUYS. Please do not contact the Purchaser with questions about the anticipated Bid. Bidders are solely responsible to monitor this site for amendments to this announcement, if any, and for the complete Bid posting, if any. Bidders may monitor the site through publicly accessible search and browse tools, or through COMMBUYS email notification and record tracking tools by ensuring the commodity codes associated with this record are included in the commodity codes section of their COMMBUYS profile. Bidders may elect to subscribe to COMMBUYS immediately or wait until they have reviewed the complete Bid posting including the RFR and its amendments, if any. Bidders who elect to establish a COMMBUYS account must select the Register button on www.commbuys.com and complete the online subscription process.