# MissouriBUYS — BID LOCATOR TOOL

Through MissouriBUYS, the State of Missouri offers its vendors a premium Bid Locator Tool featuring consolidated bid opportunities in one convenient location for all levels of government (local, state and federal) and political subdivisions in Missouri.  The MissouriBUYS Bid Locator Tool is powered by the InstantMarkets application and can be easily accessed by clicking on the Bid Locator Tool button on the MissouriBUYS Bid Board (https://missouribuys.mo.gov/bidboard).  This Missouri government bid search tool is part of the state's eProcurement solution offered through the state's eProcurement partner, Perfect Commerce (a Proactis Company).

## What is the MissouriBUYS Bid Locator Tool?

The Bid Locator Tool within the MissouriBUYS public website (https://missouribuys.mo.gov) can be used to find Missouri government bid solicitations throughout Missouri.  Federal bid opportunities in Missouri are also included.  This new tool is a search engine that crawls Missouri's public sector websites helping vendors find additional public bid opportunities without having to search multiple sites, which saves time for the vendor.

The MissouriBUYS Bid Locator Tool has "What" and "Where" search fields, in addition to numerous other search FILTERS, to help users conduct searches by keyword, locations, timeframes and many others.  Users can select a bid that interests them and be redirected to the government entity's bid landing page for all the remaining details (by clicking on the View Source button on the bid opportunity page).  'Step-by-step instructions' on how to use the Bid Locator Tool to search for relevant bid opportunities and 'Frequently Asked Questions' are posted on the MissouriBUYS website (https://missouribuys.mo.gov/business-opportunities).

## How Do the Bid Locator Tool and MissouriBUYS Bid Board Differ?

The MissouriBUYS Bid Board HOSTS bid opportunities posted by State of Missouri agencies and others in the MissouriBUYS community.  The new Bid Locator Tool LOCATES bids posted on MissouriBUYS as well as bids posted by Missouri cities, counties, school districts, universities, federal agencies, and many others on their own webpages.

The Bid Locator Tool is simply a discovery tool, whereas MissouriBUYS implementation, including the MissouriBUYS Bid Board, provides end-to-end eProcurement technology for users.

## What Are Additional Benefits of Using the MissouriBUYS Bid Locator Tool?

- Vendors can find public bid opportunities on a single website without having to search multiple sites, which saves time for vendors.
- There is no cost to use the MissouriBUYS Bid Locator Tool.  It is a search engine tool offered to the State of Missouri for free as part of the state's eProcurement solution.
- Buyers from local government agencies can view other agencies' solicitations and specifications which can be useful when preparing specifications for their own procurement.
- Users do not have to be registered in MissouriBUYS to use the Bid Locator Tool.

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