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County Launches New Online Bid System

(Santa Ana, CA)— The County of Orange launched April 1 a new Online Bid Management System capable of giving the County enhanced access to a broader range of registered vendors offering competitive prices.

Individuals and companies interested in doing business with the County of Orange may register to receive electronic notifications of all bid solicitation opportunities by visiting the County Executive Office/Procurement web site at http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Procurement. Registration is free.

As a large governmental purchaser of goods and services, Orange County conducts business with a wide range of providers from independent contractors and small businesses to large enterprises. The improved functionality of the new online bid system provides greater ease of use and access to information. County vendors will also benefit from many system features, including the ability to view bid and proposal packages online.