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Suppliers/Vendors,

The University of Iowa is constantly looking for ways to increase the efficiency of its operations.

One successful method that reduces costs is transitioning from traditional paper business processes to electronic processes facilitated via the Internet.

The University of Iowa is pleased to announce our new online bidding system, eBid. Effective May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Purchasing Department will begin issuing and receiving bids through this new on line bid system.

All suppliers interested in receiving and responding to bid opportunities from the University must register at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~purchase/purchase/eBidLogin.htm>.

In the eBid system, suppliers will receive notifications of available bid opportunities by email. Additionally, suppliers will now respond to bids online rather than on a paper form.

It is our hope that this system will reduce the cost of both supplies and distribution while increasing the speed and accuracy of the public bid process.

Suppliers will pay no fees to utilize "eBid".

If your firm wishes to participate in "eBid", the next step is for you to register as a bidder @ <http://www.uiowa.edu/~purchase/purchase/eBidLogin.htm>.

Suppliers must be registered through this website in order to participate in the new online bid system.

This registration is in addition to the already required registration to become an approved vendor for the University.

We are excited about this new bidding tool and hope that your firm will join us as we embark on "eBid".

Sincerely,

[The University of Iowa Purchasing Department](#)