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PIMA COUNTY, Oct. 27, 2023 -- Pima County joined Bidnet Direct's Arizona Purchasing Group in September 2023 and will soon be using the system to streamline its purchasing process, including publishing and distributing upcoming bid opportunities, bid management, and vendor relations.

The Arizona Purchasing Group connects participating agencies from across Arizona in a single, online location for managing sourcing information and activities. It provides local government agencies the tools needed for a transparent bid process, making bids available to all vendors at the same time, while minimizing costs and saving time.

"We strive for transparency in providing bid opportunities and information concerning the procurement process to all our vendors. By becoming part of the Arizona Purchasing Group, we can instantly provide solicitation details in real time in one location without the need to contact us for details," said Terri Spencer, director of the <u>Pima County</u> <u>Procurement Department</u>.

"Registered vendors can access open bids, related documents and files, solicitation addenda, and available award information from all participating agencies. This will allow us to create a more seamless bid process and will provide greater participation from vendors across the state." As a participating agency of the Arizona Purchasing Group, Pima County will be able to expand its vendor pool and enhance vendor competition without increasing distribution costs. With one click, Pima County will be able to see how many vendors match a specific opportunity, how many have downloaded documents, responded, and more. Pima County also has a branded page on the public side of the Arizona Purchasing Group in which interested parties may view all closed bids and award details.

To be added to the existing list of vendors on the Arizona Purchasing Group, Pima County encourages interested bidders to <u>register online now</u> at bidnetdirect.com/arizona/pimacounty. Bidnet Direct's vendor support team is available to answer questions regarding the registration process or the bid system at 800-835-4603 option 2.

In addition, the Arizona Purchasing Group offers a value-added service to notify vendors of new bids targeted to their business, including all addenda and advance notification of expiring term contracts.

About Bidnet Direct

Bidnet Direct, powered by MDF Commerce, is a sourcing solution of regional purchasing groups available at no cost to local government agencies throughout the country. Bidnet Direct runs regional purchasing groups, including the Arizona Purchasing Group, across all 50 states that are used by over 1,600 local governments.

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