

# Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

# Step 1

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

- Click on the solicitation name

The screenshot shows a procurement portal interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Board', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Coming Soon! Activities', 'Coming Soon! Messages', and 'Responses'. Below the tabs is a dark blue header bar. Underneath, there is a yellow arrow-shaped button labeled 'Bids'. To the right of this button is a 'Sort By' dropdown menu set to 'Due Date'. The main content area displays a list of bid items. A red arrow points to the first item, 'TSEBIDVINO24JAN01'. Each item has a title, a description, an ID, broadcast and due dates, the number of planholders, and a 'Watch' button. The status of each item is shown in a yellow 'Active' button.

Solicitation Name	Description	ID	Broadcast	Due	Planholders	Watch	Status
TSEBIDVINO24JAN01	City of Fort Pierce - Purchasing Department, Fort Pierce, AZ	BID-TSEBIDVINO24JAN01-0-2020/al	1/24/2020	3/1/2020	3	Watch	Active
AA-BB-CC-DD-EE	agency2.0, Texas, FL	EBID-001-946-00-0-2020/AD	2/4/2020	2/29/2020	0	Watch	Active
TESTBID	agency2.0, Texas, FL						Active

# Step 2

Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

- When you are ready to submit your bid, click on “Submit E-Bid Proposal”

TESTBID Active

### Bid Details

Agency Name	agency2.0
Bid Writer	agency2.0 d
Bid ID	EBID-123456-0-2020/AD
Bid Type	EBID - E-BID
Broadcast Date	02/06/2020 2:40 AM Eastern
Fiscal Year	2020
Due	02/29/2020 11:00 PM Eastern
Bid Status Text	BID STATUS

### Scope of Work

Scope to Work

### Documents

Filename	Type	Date Modified	Status
ferc	Attachment	02/06/2020	Complete

### Distribution Info

Bid Bond	None
Plan (blueprint)	None
E-Bidding	Submit
Distributed By	DemandStar
Distribution Method	Download and Mail
Distribution Options	Bid has no blueprints associated with it
Project Estimated Budget	\$120,000.00
Distribution Notes	None

### Publications

[View Legal Ad](#)

### Pre-Bid Conference

No Pre-Bid Conference Date Found

### Commodity Code

[001-946-00] FINANCIAL SERVICES

[Submit E-Bid Proposal](#)

# Step 3

Enter information requested page-by-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under “E-Bid Progress”

If there is not a total bid amount in your submission, please put “0”

Example: a request for qualifications opportunity may not require a bid amount so vendors will input “0” under “Bid Amount”

The screenshot shows the DEMANDSTAR E-Bid Response interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Coming Soon! Activities', 'Coming Soon! Messages', and 'Responses'. The user is logged in as 'Robyn Gallardi'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Bids > TESTBID > My Ebid Response'. The 'E-Bid Response' section is highlighted with an orange arrow. The 'Bid Details' section on the left shows: Agency Name: agency2.0, Bid Number: EBID-123456-0-2020/AD, Bid Due Date: 02/29/2020 (PST), Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 23 minutes, 54 seconds Remaining, and Bid Name: TESTBID. The 'E-Bid Progress' section on the left has three steps: 'Contact Information' (selected), 'Documents Upload', and 'Review Bid'. A red arrow points to the 'Contact Information' step. The 'E-Bid Response' form includes: Company Name (Calgon Carbon Corporation), Address 1 (P. O. Box 717), Address 2 (optional), City (Pittsburgh), Country (United States of Ame...), State/Province (Pennsylvania), County (Select...), Postal Code (15230-0717), Phone Number (4127876810), Extension (optional), Bid Amount (127,000, marked as Invalid), Alternate Bid Amount (optional), and Notes (For the full 6 month contract, optional). A 'Next' button is at the bottom right.

# Step 4

After you click NEXT on the Contact Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required. In this example, they only ask for one document, however, in others, they may ask for multiple documents that each need to be uploaded separately.

**TIP:**

There is a place for you to add “Supplemental”, i.e. non-required, documents.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR web application interface for an E-Bid Response. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Activities', 'Messages', and 'Responses'. The user is logged in as 'Robyn Gallardi'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Bids > TESTBID > My Ebid Response'. The main content area is titled 'E-Bid Response' and is divided into two columns.

**Bid Details:**

- Agency Name: agency2.0
- Bid Number: EBID-123456-0-2020(AD)
- Bid Due Date: 02/29/2020 (PST)
- Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 17 minutes, 21 seconds Remaining
- Bid Name: TESTBID

**E-Bid Progress:**

- Contact Information (Completed)
- Documents Upload (Current Step)
- Review Bid (Upcoming)

**Agency Accepted File Formats:**

- Adobe Acrobat (\*.PDF)
- AutoCAD Drawing (\*.DWG)
- AutoCAD Drawing Web Format (\*.DWF)
- GIF Image (\*.GIF)
- JPEG Image (\*.JPG)
- Microsoft Excel (\*.XLS)
- Microsoft Excel (\*.XLSX)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (\*.PPT)
- Microsoft Word (\*.DOC)
- Microsoft Word (\*.DOCK)
- Plain Text (\*.TXT)
- Plot file (\*.PLT)
- Rich Text Format (\*.RTF)
- TIFF Image (\*.TIF)
- WordPerfect (\*.WPD)
- ZIP Compressed Archive (\*.ZIP)

**Required Documents Table:**

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
Service Doc agency2.0	None	Choose a file

**Supplemental Documents:**

You can upload additional documents here.

Document Title:

# Step 4 continued

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**E-Bid Response**

**Bid Details**

- Agency Name: agency2.0
- Bid Number: EBID-123456-0-2020/AD
- Bid Due Date: 02/29/2020 (PST)
- Bid Opening: 19 days, 13 hours, 28 minutes, 21 seconds Remaining
- Bid Name: TESTBID

**E-Bid Progress**

- Contact Information
- Documents Upload
- Review Bid

**Required Documents**

The following documents are required by the agency for this project. Please select which documents you will be submitting electronically (online), and which ones you will submit directly to the agency (offline).

**Agency Accepted File Formats**

- Adobe Acrobat (\*.PDF)
- AutoCAD Drawing (Web Format) (\*.DWG)
- JPEG Image (\*.JPG)
- Microsoft Excel (\*.XLSX)
- Microsoft Word (\*.DOC)
- Plain Text (\*.TXT)
- Rich Text Format (\*.RTF)
- WordPerfect (\*.WPO)
- AutoCAD Drawing (\*.DWG)
- GIF Image (\*.GIF)
- Microsoft Excel (\*.XLS)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (\*.PPT)
- Microsoft Word (\*.DOCX)
- Plot File (\*.PLT)
- TIFF Image (\*.TIFF)
- ZIP Compressed Archive (\*.ZIP)

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
Service Doc agency2.0	Electronic/Online	Service Doc agency2.0.TXT

**Supplemental Documents**

You can upload additional documents here.

Document Title:  Add Document

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
Service Doc agency2.0	Electronic/Online	Service Doc agency2.0.PDF
References	Electronic/Online	References.PDF
Plans	<input type="text" value="Online/Electronic"/>	<input type="button" value="Choose a file"/>

Previous Upload

# Step 5

Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press “Submit Response”

You are done! And the government to which you’ve submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.

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- Bid Details:** Agency Name: agency2.0; Bid Number: EBID-123456-9-2020/AD; Bid Due Date: 02/25/2020 (PST); Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 10 minutes, 47 seconds Remaining; Bid Name: TESTBID.
- E-Bid Progress:** A vertical progress indicator with three steps: Contact Information, Documents Upload, and Review Bid.
- Contact Info:** Company Name: Calgon Carbon Corporation; Address 1: P.O. Box 1217; Address 2: ; City: Pittsburgh; State: Pennsylvania; Country: United States of America; Postal Code: 15200-0717; Phone Number: 412-876810; Tax: ; Bid Amount: 3127,000.00; Alternate Bid Amount: ; Notes: For the full 6 month contract.
- Agency Required Documents:** Service Doc agency2.0 (Electronic/Online) - Status: Complete.
- Supplemental Documents:** References (Electronic/Online) - Status: Complete.

Below these sections, a grey box contains instructions: 'After clicking "Submit Response" the following process will begin: 1. We will verify that your response is complete as entered. 2. You will see a confirmation page with your confirmation number and date/time stamp of your upload. 3. You will receive a confirmation e-mail indicating a successful response submittal. 4. You may track your response submission under the Responses page. If you do not receive any of the above, please call Supplier Services at (206) 940-0005.'

At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Submit Response'. A red arrow points to the 'Submit Response' button.