

Arizona Purchasing

Successful Vendor Registration & Bid Notification Strategies

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History

- 1999 YESD, Crane & YUHSD researched regional purchasing cooperative
 - Yuma Educational Purchasing Association (YEPA)
 - Members include all school districts, City & County Governments
- 2000 began work on www.yepa.us website
 - Eliminate paper prospective vendor applications
 - Give vendors control of their profile information
 - Provide better communication to vendors through bid and written quotes postings





History

The site was and is designed around the AZ
 Administrative Code for School District Procurement

- 2008 AZ Purchasing was created
 - On November 14, 2008 the YEPA website became available to all public school districts in Arizona and was renamed to Arizona Purchasing (www.azpurchasing.org)





Benefits

- No more paper Prospective Vendor files
 - Central prospective vendor's application
 - Central prospective vendor's list
 - Controlled by the website
- Automated invitation for solicitations
 - Bids, RFP's, RFQ's, etc.
 - Requests for Written Quotations (RWQ's)
 - Emails sent from website to vendors
- Enhanced competition
 - Mass email mailings reaches larger audience
 - Central vendor list easier for vendors to control
 - Free to all vendors





Brief Overview

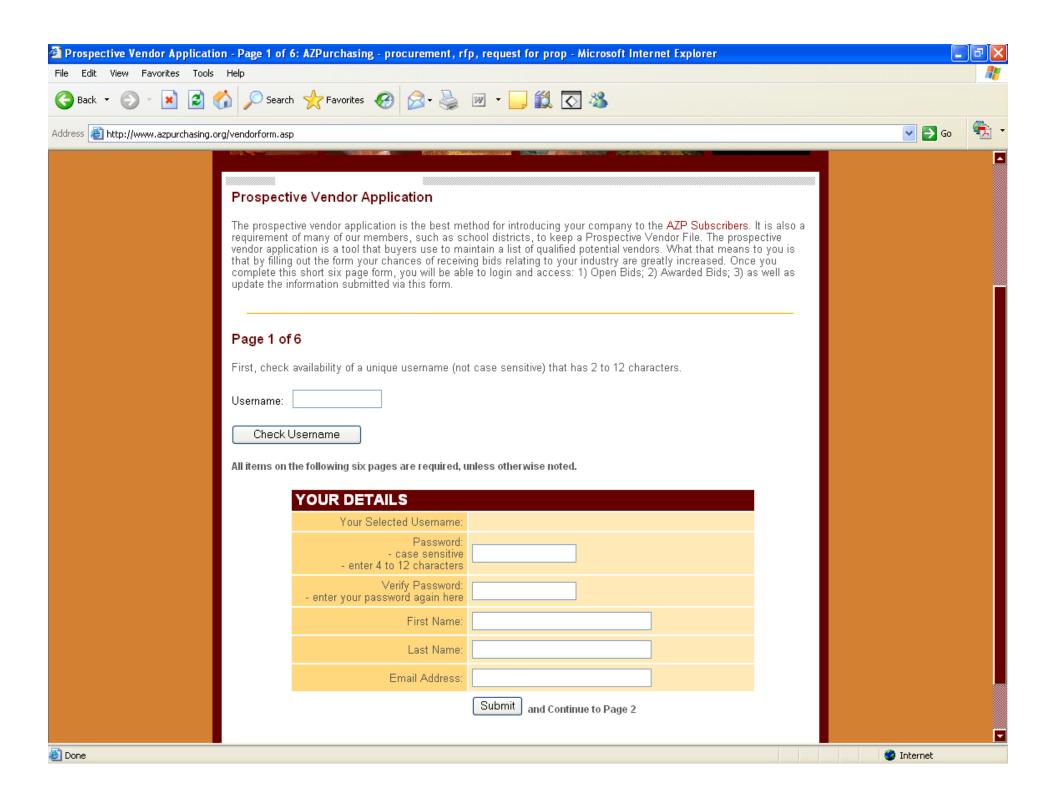
- Website is two websites in one
 - Vendor's Corner
 - Buyer's Corner
- Automated
 - Prospective Vendor application
 - Solicitation Uploads
 - RWQ uploads

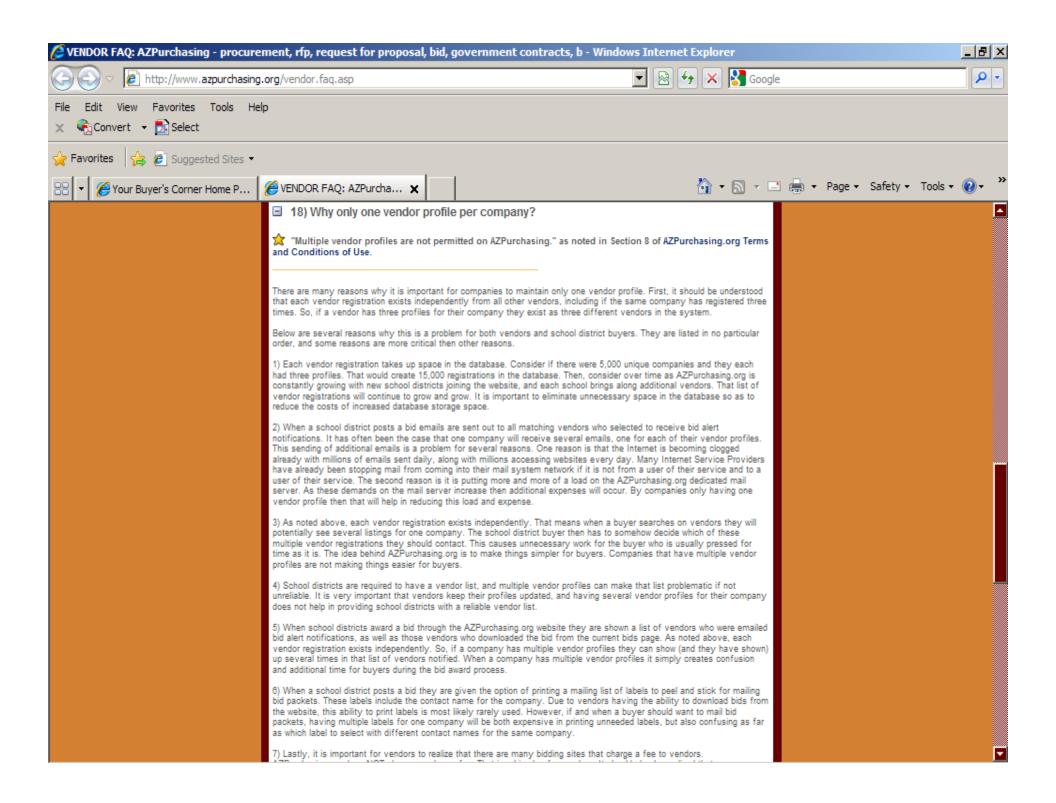




Vendor's Corner

Prospective Vendor Application



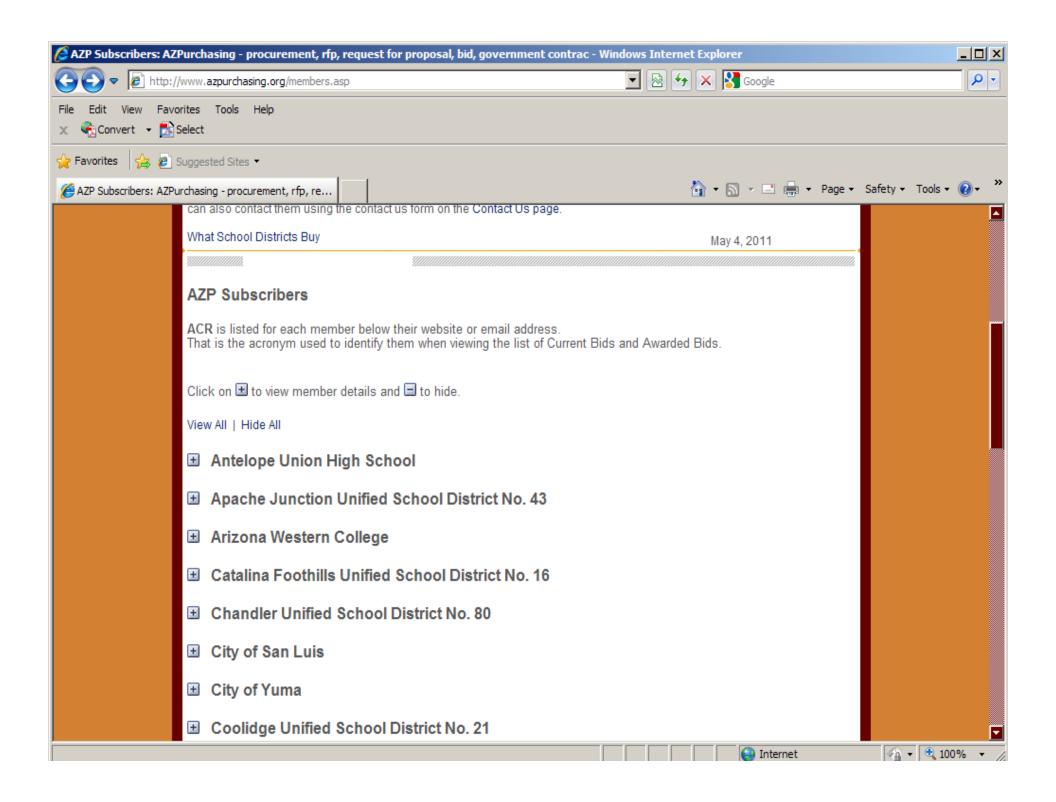


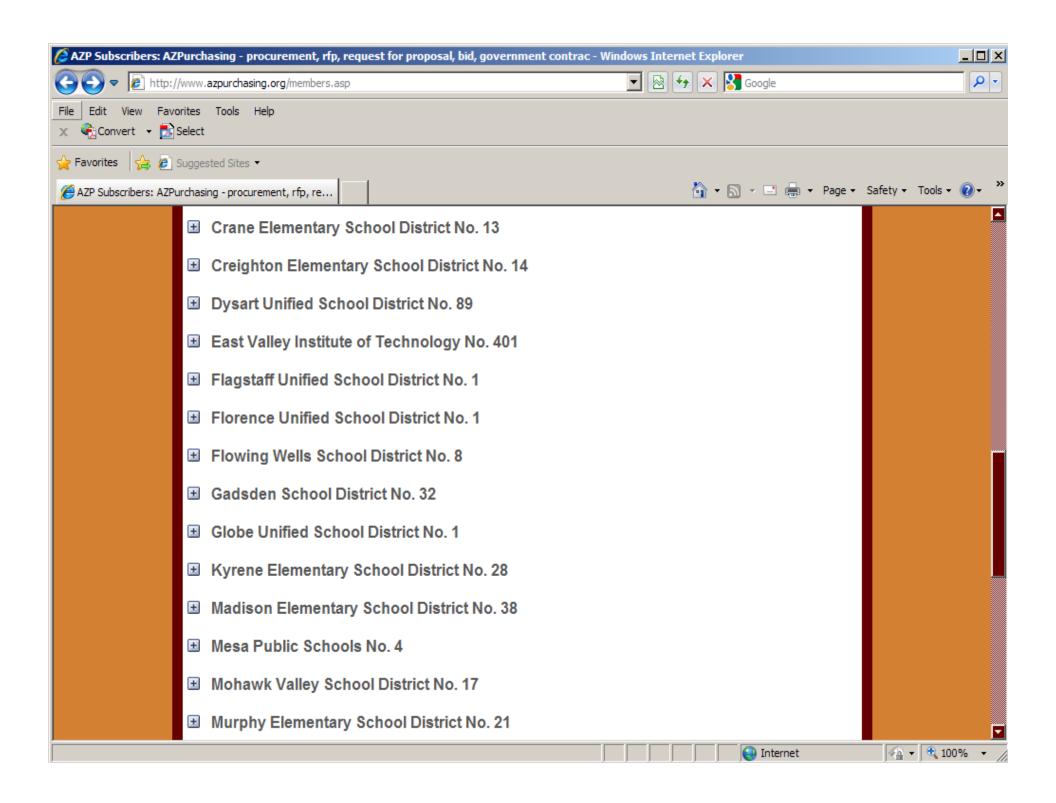


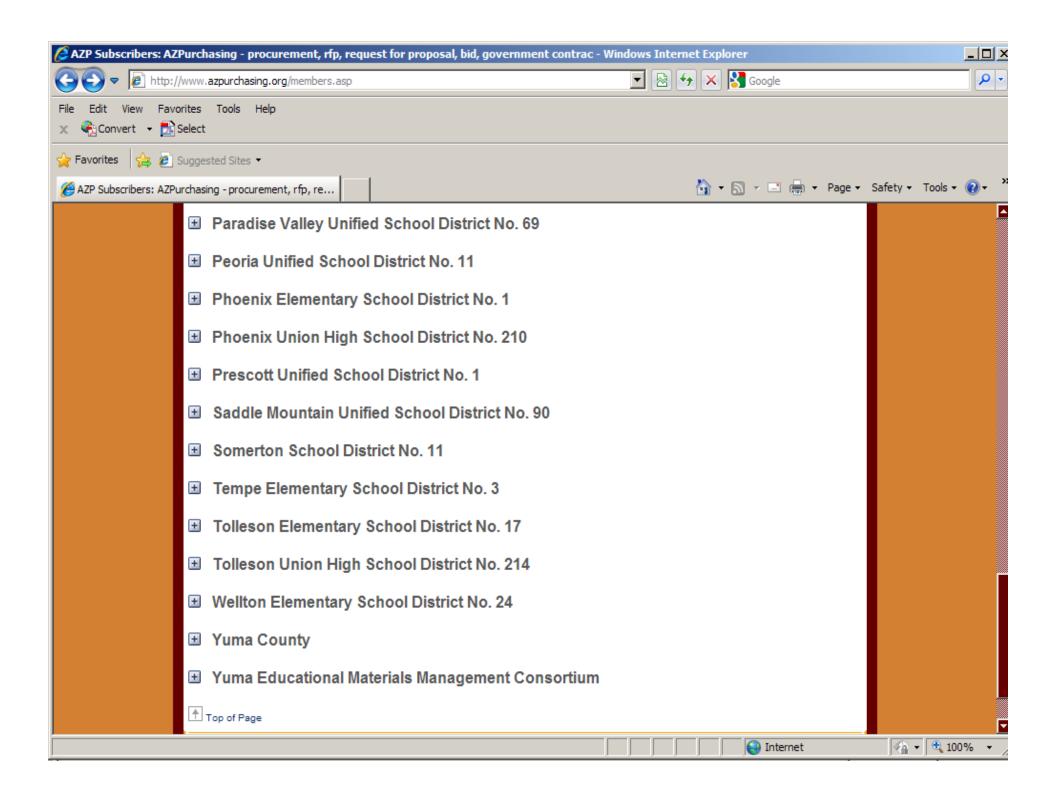


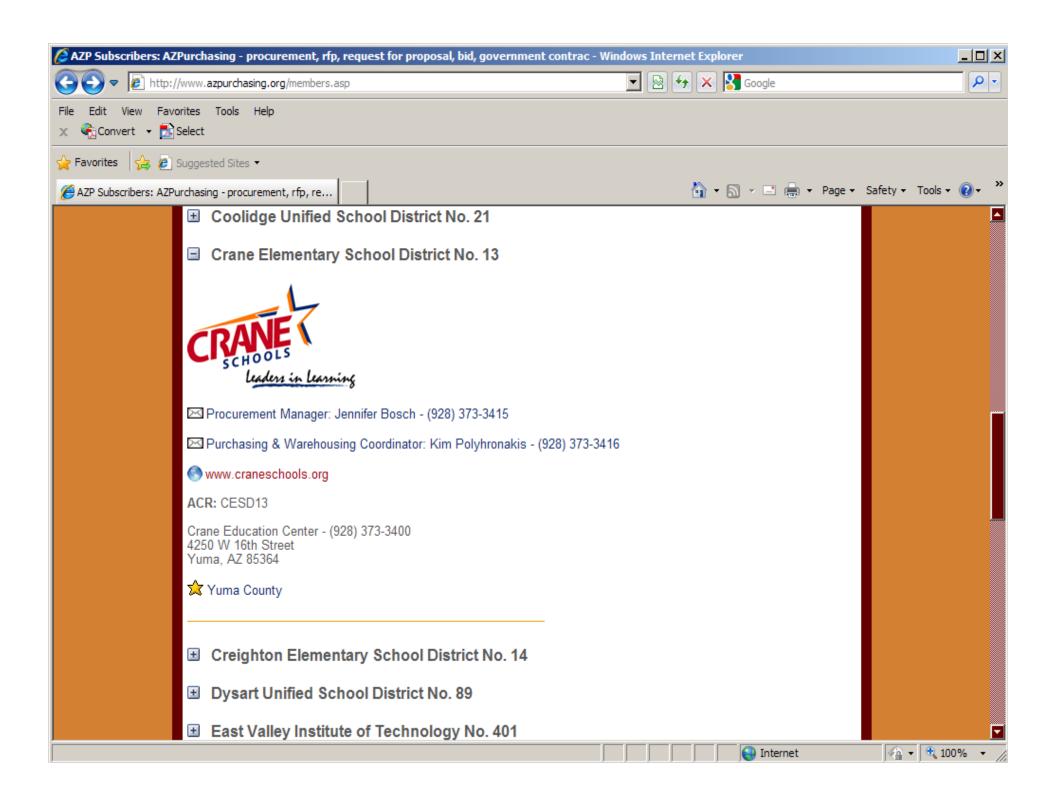
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AZPurchasing Member Information







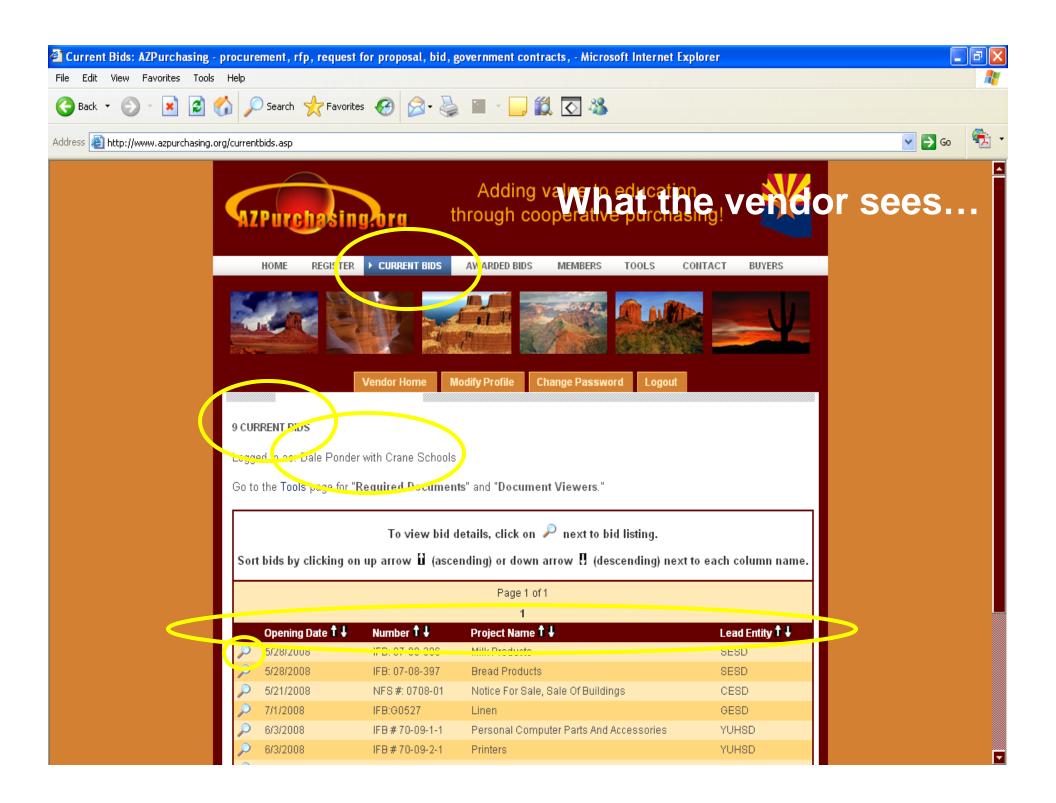


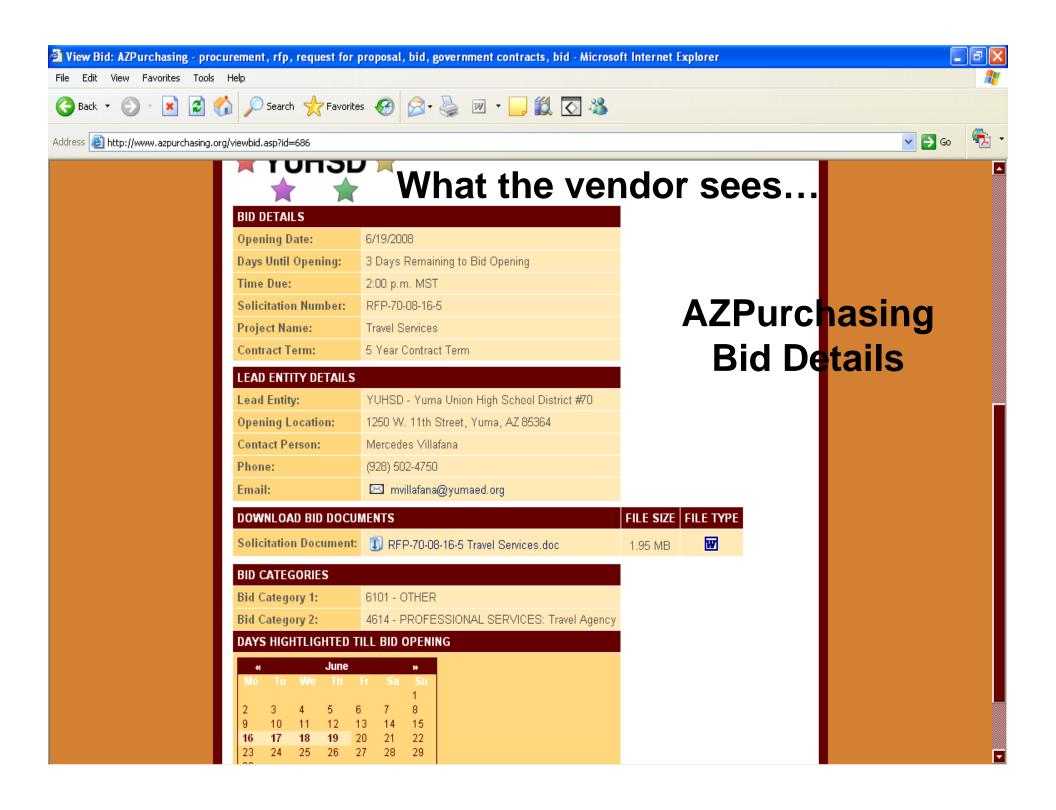




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Current Open Solicitations



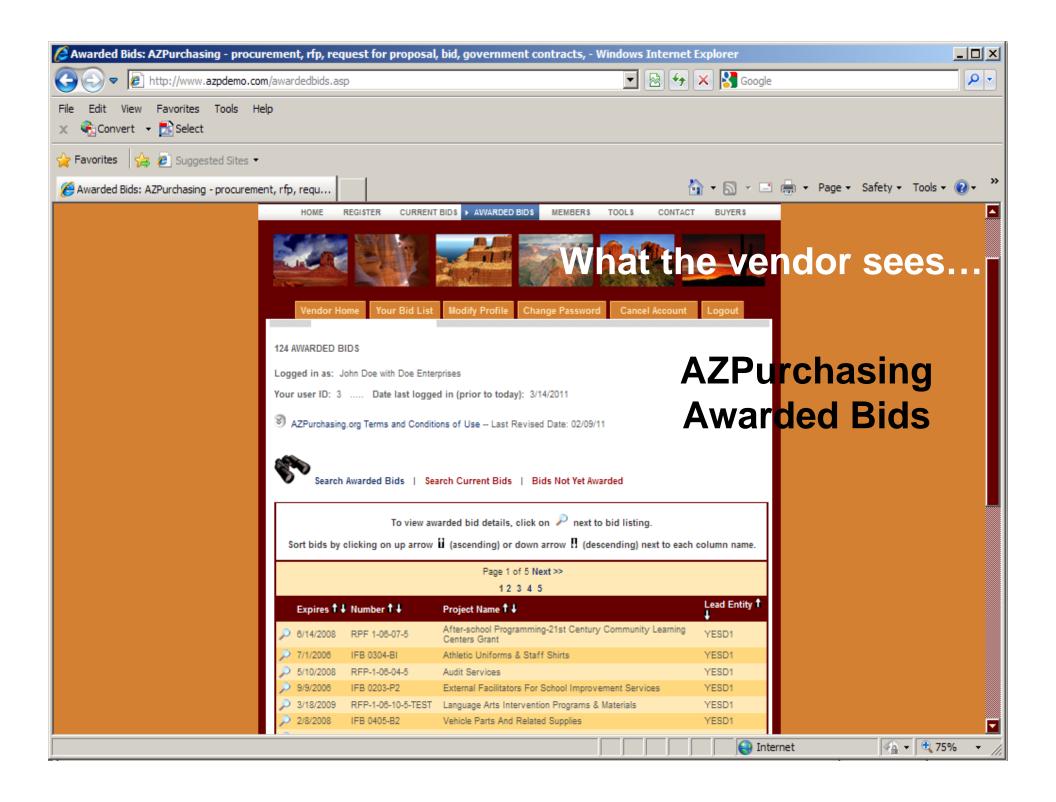


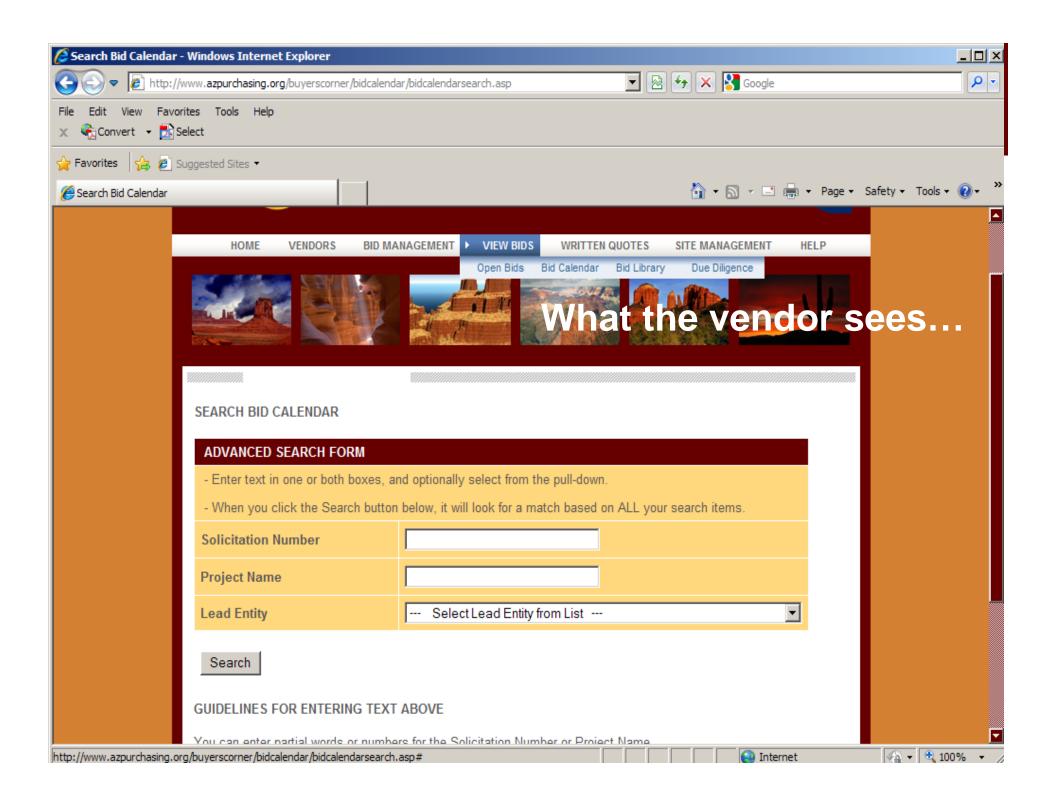


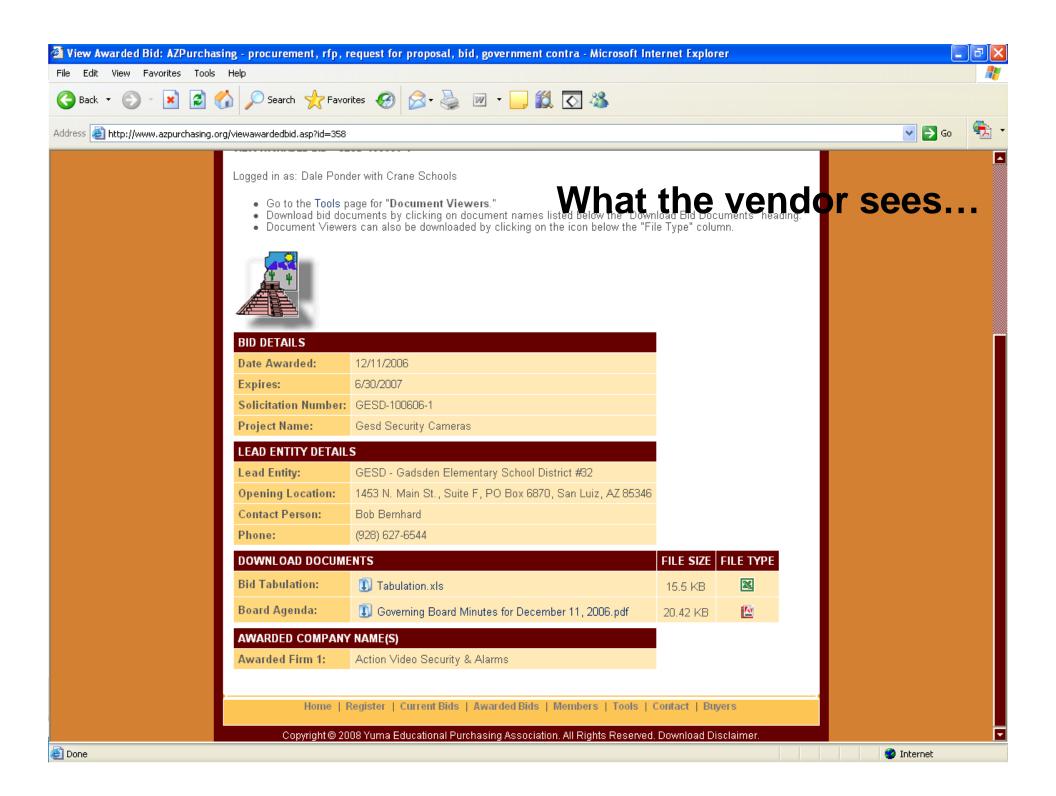


Vendor's Corner

Awarded Solicitations



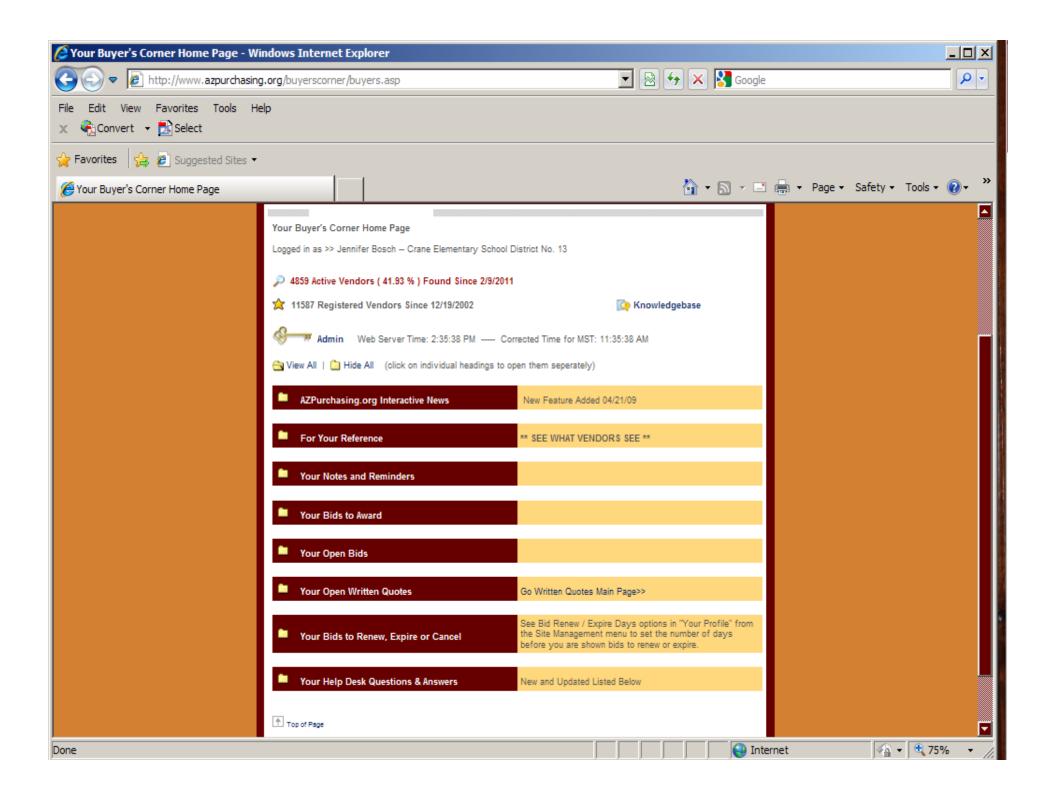








Buyer's Corner

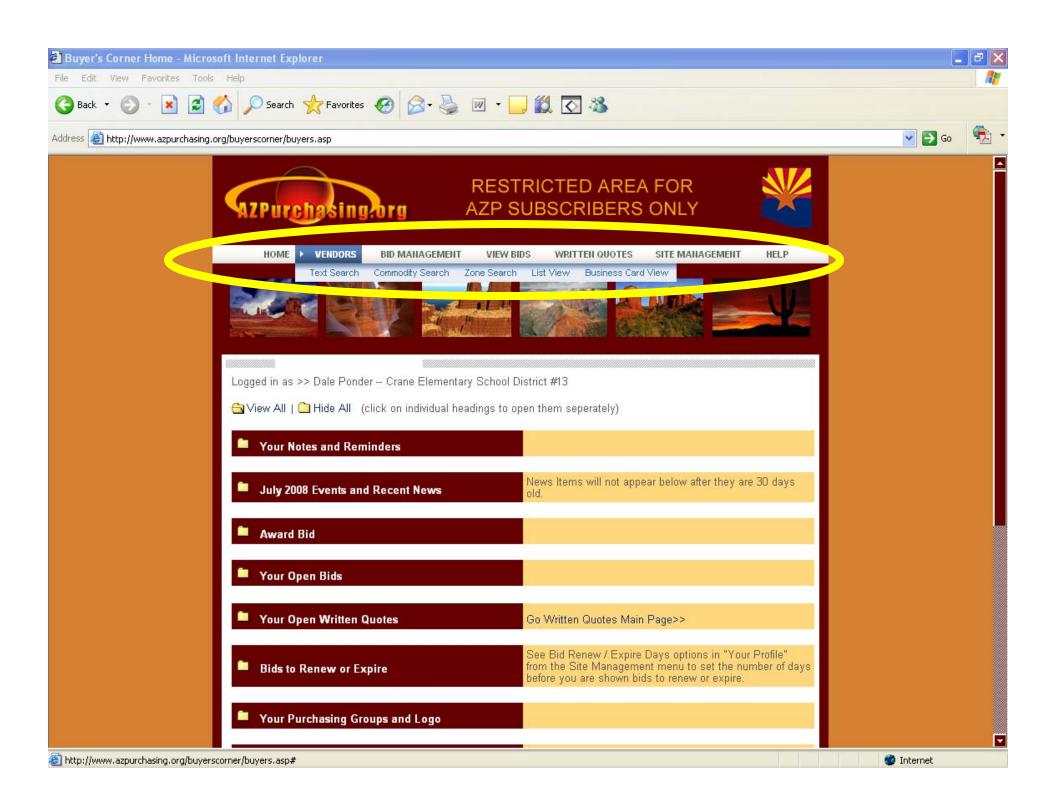


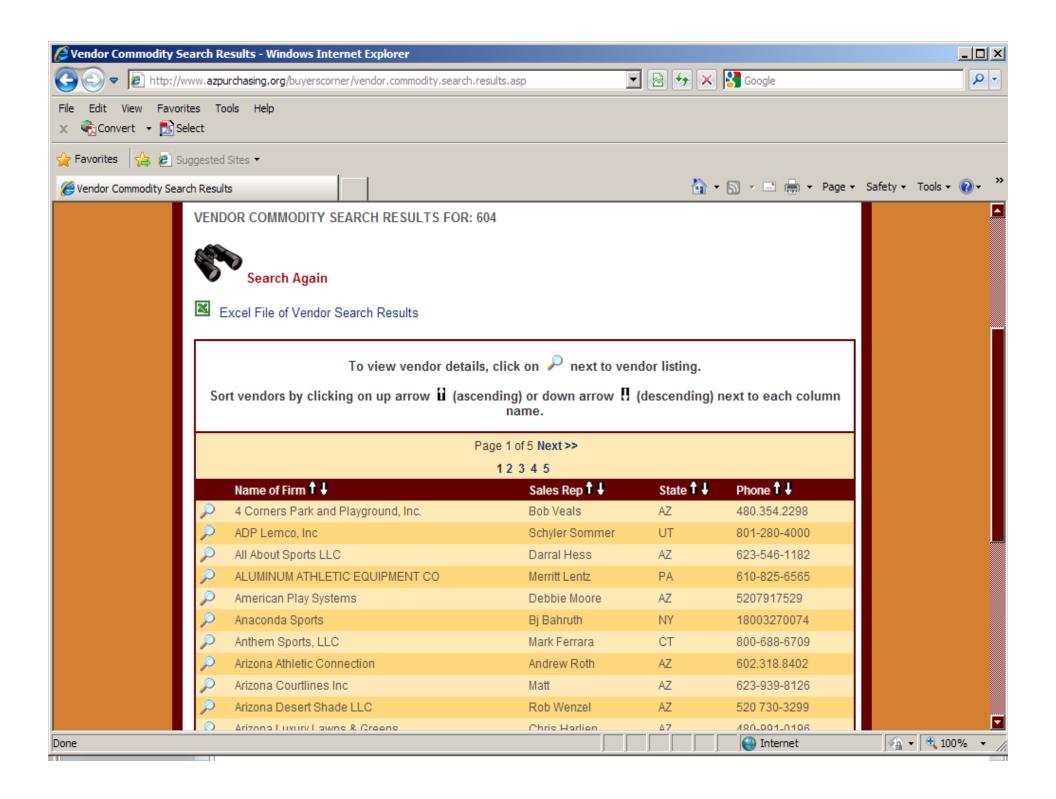




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Prospective Vendor List & Search



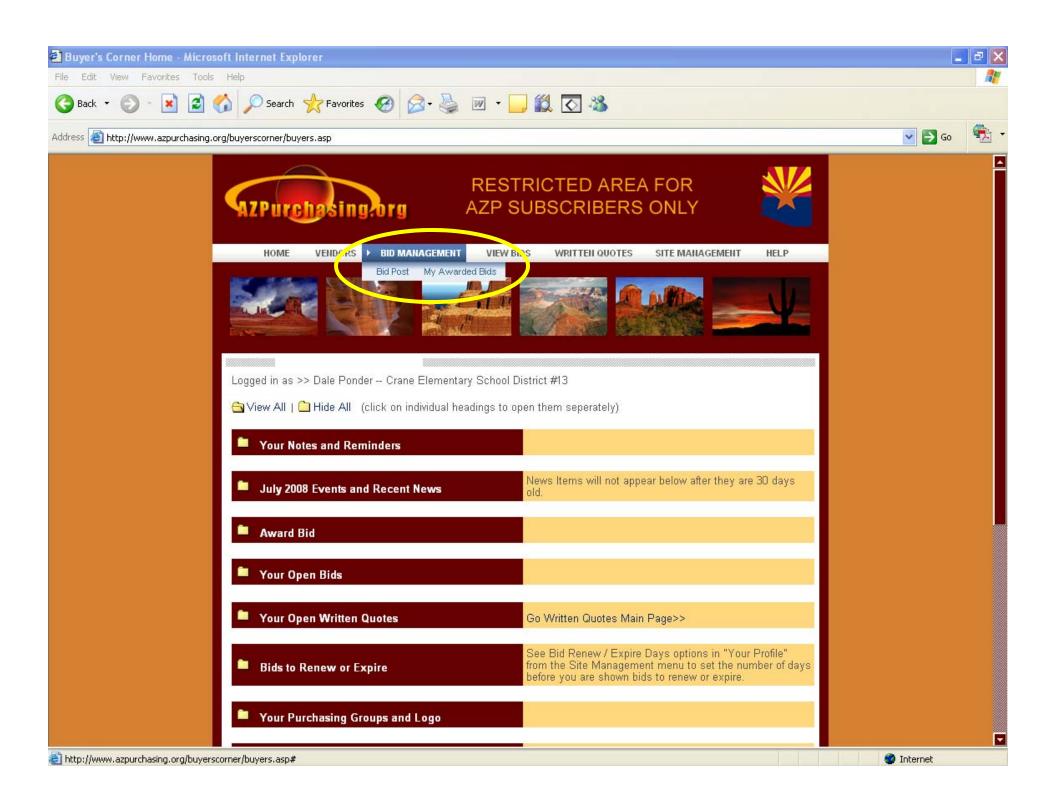


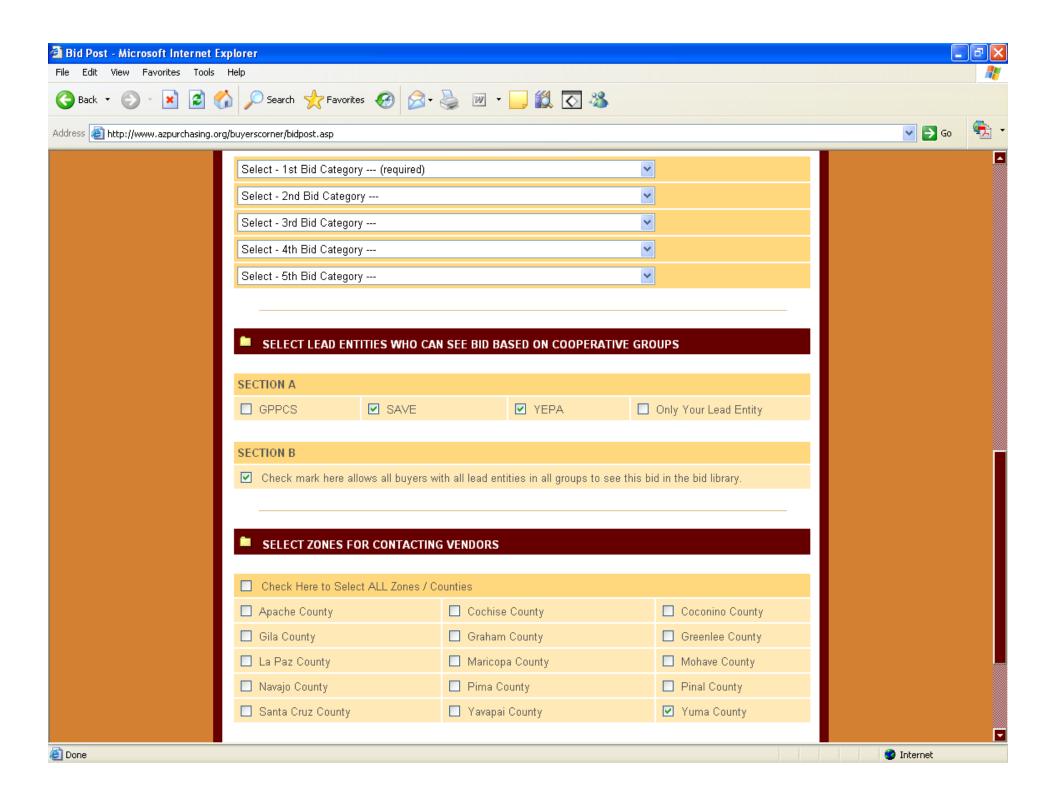


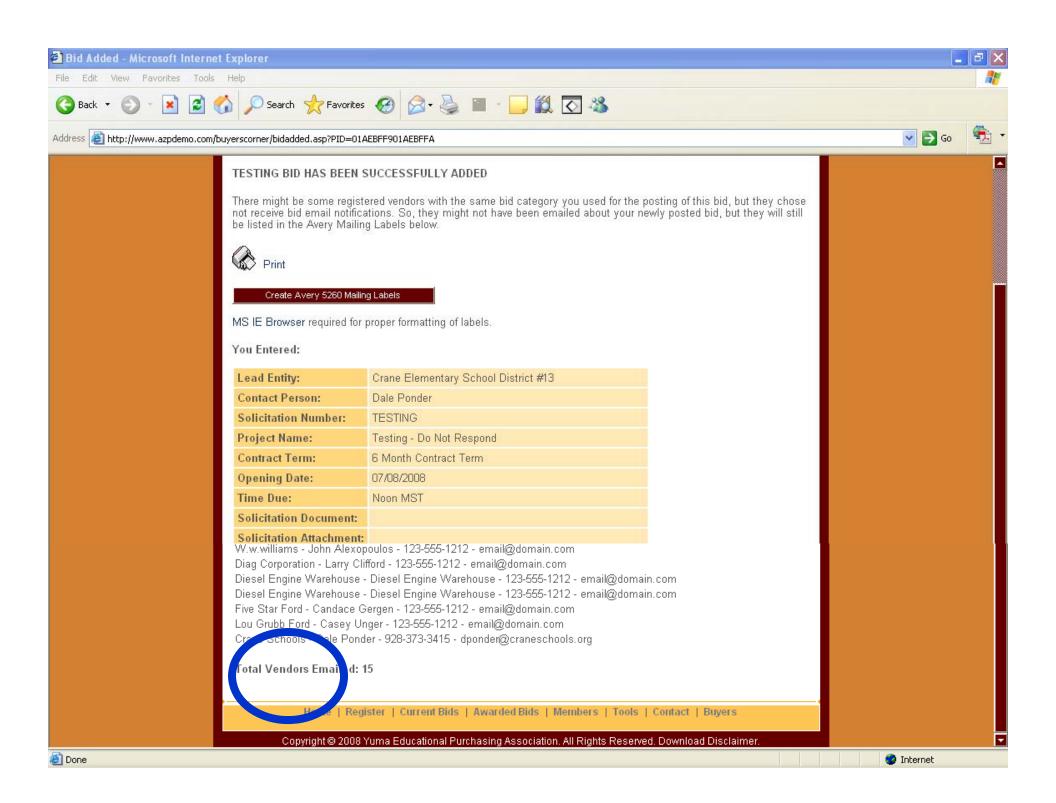


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Bid Management





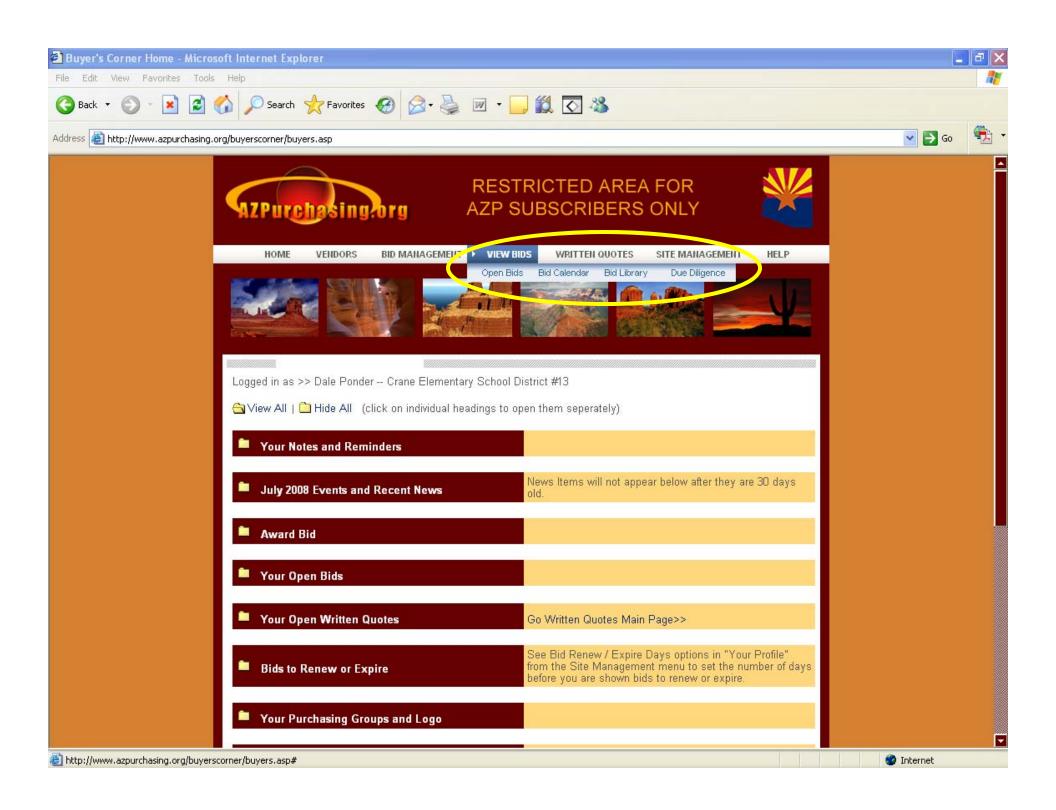


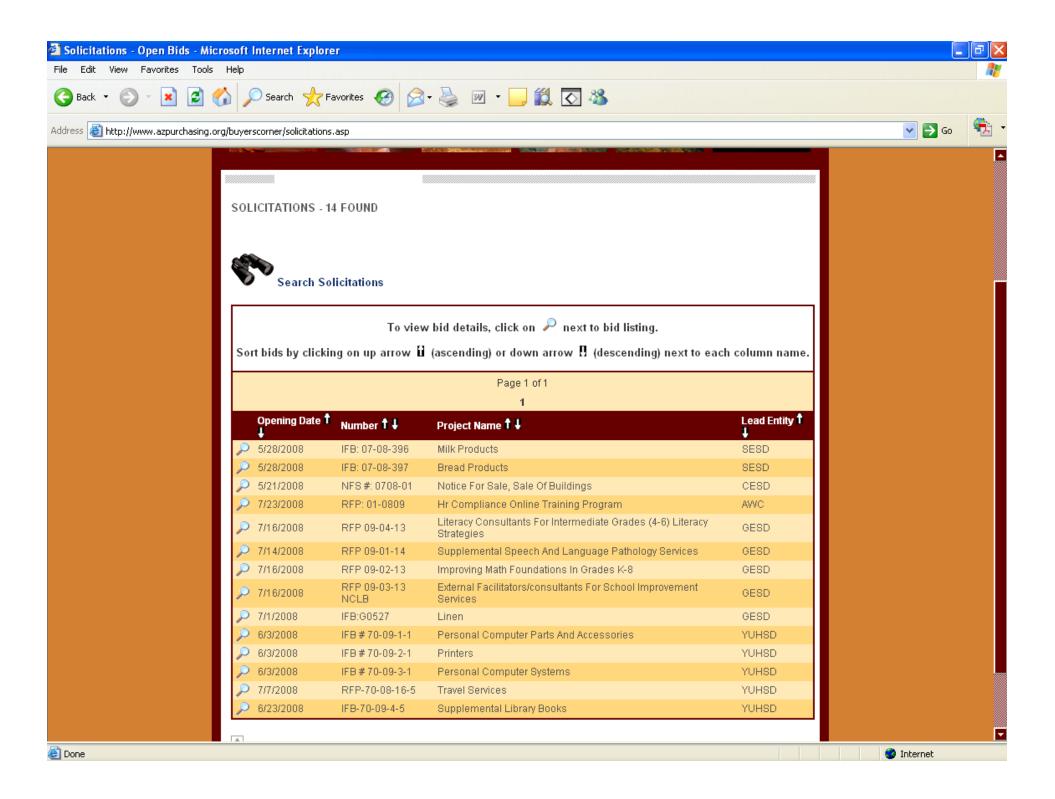




Buyer's Corner

View Bids









How Bids Work

- Prospective Vendor registers on the central registration page
 - Enters contact information including email
 - Selects up to 10 industry codes relating to business
 - Receives login information
 - Self manages profile
- Buyer posts formal solicitation (IFB, RFP, etc.)
 - Selects up to 10 industry codes relating to bid
 - If there is an industry code match vendor is sent an emailed invitation to bid



Cooperative Purchasing/ Zones

- Buyer profile indicates either SAVE, GPPCS or YEPA cooperative
- Buyer posts bid based on cooperative group or single entity
- Buyer profile indicates the zone (County) the school district resides
- Vendors registration indicates
 County preference







Cost

- Based on two factors
 - Number of anticipated bid uploads
 - Number of profiles
- First year cost includes initial setup costs and both number of bids and profiles
- Second and subsequent year costs are only related to number of bids and profiles





I'm interested, what do I do now?

- Points of Contact are:
 - Jennifer Bosch, Crane Elementary School District No. 13
 - Dale Ponder, Crane Elementary School District No. 13
 - Mercedes Villafana, Yuma Union High School District No. 70
 - Lynne Ford, Yuma Elementary School District One
- Estimate number of formal bids with number of profiles
- Sign and submit hard copy of PO & CPA to YUHSD and an electronic copy to CESD
- www.azpurchasing.org/azp



Questions Regarding Arizona Purchasing

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