



# Colorado Procurement News

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*"Working Together  
for Procurement  
Excellence in  
Colorado."*

## Save the Date!

### Procurement Advisory Council Spring Summit

May 14, 2013  
Jefferson County  
Fairgrounds

Visit our [website](#) for more information and to register for this event.

## Quick Links

[State Purchasing  
Website](#)

## A Message from the State Purchasing Director

Greetings,

Based on your feedback from the Fall PAC in November 2012, we are resuming a monthly newsletter to keep you informed of relevant information from your State Purchasing Office.

Recently, we implemented an upgrade of Colorado BIDS, and are looking to have further limited enhancements. We have already implemented customizable solicitation titles. Please remember to revise your website links for Colorado BIDS to [www.colorado.gov/bids](http://www.colorado.gov/bids).

Following up on a very successful Fall PAC, we are excited about the Procurement Advisory Council Spring Summit. Our agenda this Spring embraces your survey feedback, and will include breakout sessions and real-life scenario discussions. This will be a great event that you will want to be a part of. The Department of Personnel & Administration will soon introduce a new website that will be more user friendly for both the supplier and purchasing communities. Our new outreach and branding program, ACCESSColorado is going to be launched soon.

Please consider us as your partners in procurement excellence. Let me know how we can be of assistance.

Yours in Procurement Excellence,

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**Colorado BIDS**

**Spring PAC  
Registration**

Join Our Mailing List!

**:: 303-866-3640**

**Colorado BIDS Upgrade and Help  
Desk Recognition**

A special thank you to Kyle Schlenker, John Hjerrild, and Mike Whalen for their successful upgrade of Colorado BIDS, and to Bea Lovato and Jessica Wilson for their Help Desk excellence! If you or your suppliers need assistance with Colorado BIDS, please contact the BIDS Help Desk at 303-866-6464 option #1 or [bids.help@state.co.us](mailto:bids.help@state.co.us).

Also, you'll want to read John's "BIDS Tips" emails for hints and to best understand the functionality of the new system. If you are not receiving "BIDS Tips" contact our Help Desk.

**Blueprint Colorado**

Do you know about Colorado's economic development plan? It's called Blueprint Colorado and information can be found [here](#).

One of the initiatives is to "Create a Business Friendly Environment." Sometimes it is difficult for suppliers - especially small businesses - to know who to talk to about doing business with agencies. What does your Purchasing Team do to create a business friendly environment?

Email your answer to [David.Musgrave@state.co.us](mailto:David.Musgrave@state.co.us) and we will include some responses in our May newsletter.

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