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Doing Business with City of New Orleans

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Bureau of Purchasing Objective

Our objective is to purchase required goods and services in a timely manner to meet the City's needs at a fair and reasonable price utilizing an open competitive bidding process.

Registering to Do Business In order to do business with the City, it is necessary that you register online through our supplier portal. If you are already doing business with the City you can view your purchase orders and past work history.

communication channel is by email to registered vendors. We no longer provide fax or hard copy postal mail to registered vendors. Please ensure that you provide and maintain a valid email address in BRASS, the City's Purchasing Portal. Registering as a Contractor/Vendor/Supplier

provides the ability to: Secure access to change and update your

- business information · Select commodities and services related to
- your business
- Receive automatic online notifications of
 - ITBs, RFPs, and RFQs
- Submit bids online • View Purchase Orders and Change Orders
- **Procurement Process**

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The City uses four methods to procure goods

and services. 1. An Invitation to Quote (ITQ) is a method

to seek public competition for purchases valued less than \$60,000. This is an informal and simplified procedure with a very short advertising period



(five days) which results in the issuance of a purchase order to the lowest bidder.

2. An Invitation to Bid (ITB) is the standard method when public competition is sought for purchases of goods or non-professional services

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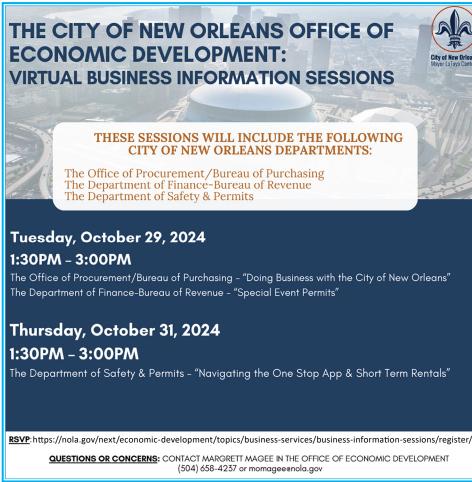
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federal government's goal is to award at least

five percent of all federal contracting dollars

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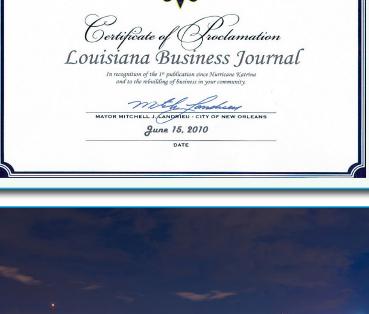
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