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Greene County's open bids posted online

The Greene County Purchasing Department is now posting open bids on its webpage at www.greenecountymo.org/purchasing/. The webpage also includes current prevailing wage information.

Previously, bid packages for everything from construction projects to patrol vehicles to office supplies were available only on paper, which was mailed to prospective bidders or picked up at the office. Prospective vendors may now download bid packages directly from the website, although bid information remains available in hard copy.

Carolyn McIntosh, Director of the Greene County Purchasing Department, said the online availability saves the county money by significantly reducing paper and postage costs as well as staff time. Posting bids online also allows prospective vendors to access bid information more quickly and view all open bids at once.

"Putting our bid info online gets it out to a broader audience," said McIntosh. "It's an additional tool for reaching out to the product and service vendors in our community, and beyond."

While bids may be downloaded online, they may not be submitted electronically, McIntosh said.

"Bids still need to be submitted the normal way," said McIntosh, "mailed or handdelivered on paper with an original signature."

For more information, call Carolyn McIntosh, Director of the Greene County Purchasing Department, at 868-4118, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 829-6019, or 379-5713.

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