



In the wake of COVID-19, Maryland Procurement is Open for Business!

With *eMaryland Marketplace Advantage* (eMMA), Maryland procurement officers have the ability to post solicitations, answer vendor questions, make amendments, accept electronic bids and proposals, evaluate bids and proposals, conduct cures and BAFOs, and make contract award recommendations all online!!

eMMA is available and capable to make teleworking for procurement officers a breeze!!

Buyers that received eMMA training were given the tools to do this, but may not have had the necessity of using it – until now! If you need a quick refresher, the [Quick Reference Guides](#) (QRGs) on the Maryland Procurement website are available for vendors and buyers to get up to speed on becoming fully electronic. Additionally, the Office of State Procurement is developing an online course to give buyers step by step instructions on how to accept, analyze and award electronic submissions from the vendors. (The vendors' online course for submitting bids is up on the website already!)

The Office of State Procurement is purchasing an online training platform to continue teaching the “eMMA Fundamentals” with a live online instructor versus the regular in-person training to make sure everyone is comfortable using every available function within eMMA. If you're in a hurry and want to learn on your own before the classes are available online, you can access the “eMMA Fundamentals Participant Guide” [here!](#) Also, Buyer QRGs 6 - 11 specifically cover the functions needed to prepare for electronic submissions.

Stay tuned to procurement.maryland.gov for more information as it becomes available.