Using the State Bid for Municipal Purchases

Did you know that a municipality can purchase items using the State of Vermont Bid? It doesn't apply to all items, but there is an opportunity to use these contracts when applicable.

All the state bid contracts are available at the following web address: http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/currentcontracts#Envelopes

Visit the website to browse the various items and contracts. To pull up a contract click on its number next to the item description:

		Click on contract # to open PI		
Highway Materials & Equipment				
Title	Vendor	Contract #	Purchasing Agent	
Snow Plow Shoes	Chemung Supply Corp	21417	Smith	
Snow Plow Shoes	Howard P. Fairfield	21438	<u>Smith</u>	
Snow Plow Blades	Valk Manufacturing Co.	<u>15816</u>	<u>Smith</u>	
Plows, Bodies and Spreader	Cives Corp	16656	<u>Smith</u>	

Once the contract is open, you have to see if the bidder has elected to open the contract to everyone including municipalities, or just restrict it to the State. A good shortcut is to look at the info box in the right corner when you open a contract. Under description if the letters "CPS" are listed then that item is open to everyone, if it's just a "CP", then it's only open to the state



Highway items of interest that are CPS, include:

- Traffic Cones
- Snow Plow Shoes
- Show Plow Blades
- Channelizing Drums
- Barricades
- Traffic Control Vests (listed under the clothing & footwear)
- Traffic Paint
- Cold-Patch
- Sign Sheeting
- Culverts
- Plow Trucks
- Body/Plowing Packages

If a town is interested in purchasing an item, it needs to contract the vendor directly, reference the State contract, and then submit a purchase order.

Direct any questions regarding this process to the State Office of Purchasing and Contracting at 828-2211.