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Mojave Water Agency offers on-line portal for bids and proposals

Apple Valley, CA – Mojave Water Agency (MWA) has joined the California Purchasing Group, an eprocurement system from Bidnet Direct that provides online bid and vendor management. The Agency will publish bid opportunities and requests for proposals on the California Purchasing Group website, which will allow MWA to provide a more transparent bid process.

"Moving to this on-line system of bid solicitation will allow us to cast a wider net when it comes to attracting the service providers we need. We will be able to see who shows interest in our bid opportunities and who downloads the documents. Potential vendors can track every step of the bid process after they apply," said Lynne Chaimowitz, Chief Financial Officer of the Mojave Water Agency. "This type of technology is not embedded into our own website, so partnering with California Purchasing Group is a huge benefit to the Agency and vendors alike."

To access upcoming solicitations and compete in the bid process, potential vendors must register online at <u>www.bidnetdirect.com/california/mojavewateragency</u> that provides vendor benefits including:

- Centralized location to bid on opportunities from multiple participating agencies
- Notification of terms contract expiration
- Bid alerts customized to the vendor products or services
- Full customer service support

The MWA is one of 29 State Water Contractors with access to the State Water Project. It was created by High Desert voters in 1960 and is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Directors. The Agency, in cooperation with other water districts, is responsible for managing the region's water resources to ensure a sustainable supply of water for present and future use. The MWA's boundaries encompass approximately 4,900 square miles of the High Desert and a population of about 440,000 people, including the Victor Valley, Barstow, Yucca Valley, and surrounding communities.

Bidnet Direct runs regional purchasing groups, including the California Purchasing Group, across all 50 states at not cost to more than 1,600 local governments. Visit <u>https://www.bidnetdirect.com/buyers</u> for more information.

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