1. Registering as a New Supplier

Thank you for your interest in doing business with Dallas County!

Follow these instructions to register as a Prospective Supplier and request a Supplier Portal profile.

Gather Your Info Before You Get Started:
To expedite your Supplier Registration, you should be prepared to provide the following information:

1. **Company Details:** Legal Business Name, Tax Organization type, Tax Identification Number(s), and the Primary Contact information for the registration.
2. **Contacts:** Names and unique, valid Email Addresses. **Please note, you MUST provide a valid email address for each contact in order to grant them access to the Supplier Portal.**
3. **Addresses:** Street Name, Postal Code, City, State, as well as Address Purposes (Ordering, Remit to, and RFP or Bidding Addresses).
4. **Business Classifications:** Any applicable Business Classifications (example: Minority Business Enterprise), Certificate Number from a Certifying Agency, Start- and Expiry Dates of your Certification, and a copy of your Certificate to attach to your registration request.
5. **Bank Accounts:** Bank Names, Branch Numbers (Routing Numbers), and Account Numbers. You may choose to skip this step until you’ve been awarded business from Dallas County, if desired.
6. **Products and Services:** You’ll make selections of the Products and Services Categories you wish to offer to Dallas County.

**CLICK THIS LINK TO BEGIN YOUR REGISTRATION**
Or visit: [https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/purchasing/](https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/purchasing/)
**Step 1: Company Details**
Only some information is required to register, but it is advised to input as much relevant information as possible to complete your Supplier Portal profile.

**Company Details - Required Information**
1. **Company**: Enter your legal organization name.
2. **Tax Organization Type**: Click the dropdown menu and select an option, such as a Corporation, Partnership, or Individual.
3. Additionally, you must provide at least ONE of the following: D-U-N-S Number, Taxpayer ID, or Tax Registration Number.
4. **Primary Contact Info**: Enter the contact information for communications regarding this registration. Enter your First Name and Last Name.
5. **Valid Email Address**: Enter and confirm your Email Address.
6. Add optional information if desired. If you do NOT wish to provide optional information, click the Next button.

On the Company Details screen, you’ll see other fields that you can use to provide other relevant information, which is optional, but advised. Instructions for optional information is provided on the following page.
**Company Details - Optional Information**

1. In the Company Details section, add a **Supplier Type** (such as Consultant, Attorney, or Supplier), a **Corporate Website**, or relevant **Attachments** (such as a valid W-9 Form). You can also enter a **Note to Approver** with other information to supplement your registration.

2. In the Additional Information section, add a **Bar Number** (for Attorneys), select a **Gender** and **Ethnicity**.

3. When you’ve completed entering all relevant details, click the **Next** button to continue your Supplier Registration.

Next, you’ll provide Contacts associated with this Supplier Registration. Please note, you MUST provide a valid email address for each contact in order to grant them access to the Supplier Portal.
Step 2: Contacts
You can add Contacts associated with your Supplier Portal registration, each with varying levels of access to administrate your profile, interact with the County, and complete daily tasks such as invoicing.

Please note, **you MUST provide a valid email address for each contact in order to grant them access to the Supplier Portal.**

Contacts – Edit Existing Contact Details
One Contact will be automatically created, based on the information entered on the Company Details screen. By default, the first person to register your company will automatically be assigned as an **Administrative Contact.** The administrative contact will have administrative rights in the Supplier Portal and will have the ability to add more contacts and specify their roles and privileges.

1. The first Contact was created as an **Administrative Contact**, based on the information entered on the Company Details screen. To provide additional details, click the **Contact Name** and click the **Edit** button. A pop-up screen will appear.
2. In the **Edit Contact** screen, enter relevant information as needed, such as **Job Title** or **Phone Numbers**.
3. In the **User Account** section, you’ll see the system **Roles** associated with this contact. Some roles will be automatically assigned by default, and you can add or delete roles as needed. Detailed instructions about Roles are provided in the next section of this document.
4. When you’ve completed editing this contact, click the **OK** button.

The next section will provide instructions about assigning **Roles** to a contact.
Contacts — User Role Definitions

Below is the list of User Roles and their Definitions. Only assign Roles to the Contacts you wish to be able to complete the tasks as described in the definition. It is advised to assign all Roles to the Primary Contact and Supplier Administrator.

**Supplier Accounts Payable Specialist:** Manages invoices and payments for the supplier company. Primary tasks include submitting invoices as well as tracking invoice and payment status.

**Supplier Bidder:** Sales representative from a potential supplier responsible for responding to requests for quote, requests for proposal, requests for information and reverse auctions.

**Supplier Customer Service Representative:** Manages Inbound purchase orders and communicates shipment activities for the supplier company. Primary tasks include tracking, acknowledging or requesting changes to new orders. Communicates order schedules that are ready to be shipped by submitting advance shipment notices and monitors the receipt activities performed by the buying organization.

**Supplier Inventory Manager:** Individual in a supplier organization responsible for managing inventory process control from beginning to end. Monitors available supplies, materials and products to ensure that customers, employees and production have access to the materials they need.

**Supplier Sales Representative:** Manages agreements and deliverables for the supplier company. Primary tasks include acknowledging or requesting changes to agreements in addition to adding catalog line items with customer specific pricing and terms. Updates contract deliverables that are assigned to the supplier party and updates progress on contract deliverables for which the supplier is responsible.

**Supplier Self Service Administrator:** Manages the profile information for the supplier company. Primary tasks include updating supplier profile information and requesting user accounts to grant employees access to the supplier application.
Contacts – Assigning User Roles
Assigning User Roles is important when creating and editing contacts, as this will determine the level of access a user has and the types of tasks, they’ll be able to complete in the Supplier Portal.

1. On the Contacts screen, click the Contact Name and click the Edit button. A pop-up screen will appear.
2. In the Edit Contact screen, under the User Account section, you’ll see the system Roles associated with this contact. Some roles will be automatically assigned by default, and you can add or delete roles as needed.
3. To add a new Role, click the Add icon.
4. A pop-up screen will appear with a list of available roles and their descriptions. Hover over a Description to view the full description. Full descriptions are also provided in the next section of this document.
5. Click the Role you want to assign and click the OK button. Repeat these steps to add more roles to the contact, as needed.
6. To delete a Role, click the Role and click the Delete (X) icon.
Contacts – Adding a New Contact

One Contact will be automatically created, based on the information entered on the Company Details screen. Use the Contacts screen to add more Contacts, as needed. Remember that all Contacts MUST have a valid email address to request a user account. You can add Contacts without an email, but they will NOT have access to the Supplier Portal.

1. To add a new Contact, click the Create (+) button.
2. In the Create Contact screen, enter required information, such as First Name, Last Name, and Email Address. Enter relevant information as needed, such as Job Title or Phone Numbers.
3. If you want this Contact to be able to manage your business profile, click the administrative contact checkbox.
4. If you want this Contact to have a user account in Supplier Portal, click the Request user account checkbox.
5. In the User Account section, you’ll see the system Roles associated with this contact. Some roles will be automatically assigned by default, and you can add or delete roles as needed. To add a new Role, click the Add icon. To delete a Role, click the Role and click the Delete (X) icon.
6. When you’ve completed editing this contact, click the OK button.
7. When you’ve completed adding and editing all desired contacts, click the Next button to continue your Supplier Registration.

Next, you’ll provide Addresses associated with this Supplier Registration. You can add different Addresses for: Ordering, Remit to, and RFP or Bidding. You can also choose Contacts to associate with the different Addresses.
Step 3: Addresses
You can add multiple Addresses associated with your organization and add Contacts who are associated with each Address. You can have one Address or add different Addresses for: Ordering, Remit to, and RFP or Bidding.

Addresses – Adding a New Address

1. To add a new Address, click the Create button.
2. In the Create Address screen, enter required information, such as Address Name, Address Line 1, and Postal Code.
   Helpful Hint: Enter the Postal Code first, then press the Tab key. If there are multiple cities/municipalities associated with this zip code, a pop-up will appear to select the correct one.
3. Click the appropriate checkboxes next to Address Purpose.

Ordering Addresses: Purchasing documents can be communicated to this address.
Remit to Addresses: Invoice payments can be processed at this address.
RFP or Bidding Addresses: Negotiations (Solicitations) and bids can be communicated to this address.

4. Add other relevant information, such as Phone Number or Email that is associated specifically with this Address.
5. You can also add Contacts associated with this Address, which is explained in the next section. If you do NOT wish to add Address Contacts, click the OK button and repeat these steps as necessary to add more Addresses. Otherwise, keep the Create Address screen open to add Address Contacts.
6. When you’ve completed adding and editing all Addresses and Address Contacts, click the Next button to continue your Supplier Registration.

The next section will provide instructions about adding Address Contacts.
Addresses – Adding Address Contacts

1. In the Create Address screen, under the Contact Address section, click the Add icon.
2. Click the Name of the Contact you wish to add to this Address. Click the OK button. Repeat these steps to add more Address Contacts, as needed.
3. Once you’ve added all Address Contacts, you’ll be taken back to the Create Address screen, and will see the Names under Address Contacts.
4. Click the OK button to complete adding this Address.
5. Once you’ve added all Addresses and Address Contacts, click the Next button to continue your Supplier Registration.
**Business Classifications – Definitions**

Here at Dallas County, we embrace and support an inclusive culture where all are respected, their contributions are encouraged and valued, while we seek sustainable and mutually beneficial outcomes for all. This commitment extends to our inclusive supply chain, where we ensure that there are bid opportunities and access for small and diverse owned business who wish to provide their goods and/or services to Dallas County.

**Business Classifications:**

- **DBE:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- **HUB:** Historically Underutilized Business in the state of Texas
- **LGBTQBE:** Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Business Enterprise
- **LGBTQBE+:** Gender Non-Conforming, Non-Binary, Gender Expansive Business Enterprise
- **MBE:** Minority Business Enterprise
- **MWBE:** MWBE-Minority Woman Owned Business
- **SBE:** Business that is privately owned with a small number of employees and relatively low revenue
- **SDMBE:** Small Disadvantaged Minority Owned Business Enterprise
- **SDMWBE:** Small Disadvantaged Minority Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- **SMWBE:** Small Minority Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- **SWBE:** Small Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- **VOSB:** Veteran Owned Small Business owned by a military veteran
- **WBE:** Woman Owned Business
- **WOSB:** Woman Owned Small Business

**Business Classifications – How Do I Qualify as a Dallas County SBE?**

- At the time of the proposal/bid submission, your business must be certified as an SBE by one of the following County approved entities:
  1. DFW Minority Supplier Development Council,
  2. North Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA) and/or
  3. the Women’s Business Council of Southwest,
- Other certifications are not acceptable.
- 51% or more owned and controlled
- Firm must be organized as a for-profit business
- Must also perform a commercially useful function on the project and have a local presence in Dallas County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in order to be counted for SBE points. The MSA includes the following counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin.
**Step 4: Business Classifications**
You can add Business Classifications that support the tracking of supplier certifications that are important to companies for different reasons, such as for supplier diversity programs. If no Business Classifications are applicable to your business, you can click one checkbox and move to the next step in your Supplier Registration.

**Business Classifications – Adding a Business Classification**
1. If no Business Classifications are applicable to your business, click the **None of the classifications are applicable checkbox**, and click the **Next** button to continue your Supplier Registration.
2. To add a Business Classification, click the **Add (+)** button.
3. In the **Classification** column, click the **dropdown menu** and select an option. Classification Definitions are available in the next section of this document.
4. In the **Certifying Agency** column, click the **dropdown menu** and select a **Certifying Agency**.
   a. Click **Search** to locate a different Certifying Agency.
   b. If you are unable to locate the Certifying Agency, click the **OTHER option** in the dropdown menu, and add **Attachments** and a **Note**.
5. Enter a **Certificate Number** issued by your Certifying Agency.
6. Enter the **Start Date** and **End Date** of your Certificate.
7. Upload any relevant **Attachments**, such as your Certificate.
8. Add any relevant **Notes**, such as a different Certifying Agency not listed in Search results.
9. Repeat these steps to add more Business Classifications, as needed. Once you’ve added all applicable Business Classifications, click the **Next** button to continue your Supplier Registration.
Step 5: Bank Accounts
You can add Bank Accounts at different levels of your organization, if needed. The Bank Accounts you add during registrations are considered “Profile Level” Bank Accounts, the highest-level for payment remittance. If your business only accepts payments in one Bank Account, adding it here will make it your default Primary Bank Account. Once your Supplier Profile has been established, you can also add Bank Accounts at the Address and/or Site levels to ensure payments are received to the correct accounts.

Bank Accounts – Adding a Profile-Level Bank Account
1. To add a new Bank Account, click the Create (+) button.
2. Enter the Country (usually United States). Begin typing the Bank name, and options will display. Select the appropriate Bank for your account.
3. Enter the Branch Number, also known as the Routing Number.
4. Enter your Account Number.
5. Optionally, enter additional information, such as: Account Name, Account Type, Description, Check Digits (to verify account info), and Notes to Approver. Add any other relevant optional information in available fields.
6. Click the OK button to add this Bank Account. Repeat these steps as necessary to add more Bank Accounts at the Profile level.
7. Once you’ve added all Bank Accounts, click the Next button to continue your Supplier Registration.

Next, you’ll indicate the Products and Services your company provides.
Step 6: Products and Services
You can add Products and Services to indicate the type of business you’d like to offer to Dallas County. Select all Products and Services categories that fit your business. The County will use your selections to invite you to solicitations/negotiations that match with current needs.

Products and Services — Adding Products and Services
1. To add Products and Services, click the Select and Add button. A pop-up window will appear.
2. In the Search field, enter the Product or Service. Click the Search button.
3. A list of matches will appear. Click the checkboxes next to the desired Products or Services. Pay attention to the full Category Name to ensure it is the correct Product or Service.

 Helpful Hint: You may need to adjust the column width to see the full Category Name. In this example, the Training service selected was for Automotive training (rather than the desired Fire and Safety training category) because a portion of the Category Name was not visible. Click and drag the cell column to expand it, much like an Excel spreadsheet.

4. Click the Apply button. Repeat these steps to add more Products and Services, as needed. When you’ve finished adding Products and Services, click the OK button. You’ll see the Products and Services added to your profile.
5. If needed, click a Product or Service you added in error, and click the Remove (X) button to delete it from the list.
6. Once you’ve added all Products and Services, click the Next button to continue your Supplier Registration.

Next, you’ll Review the information you’ve provided before submitting your Registration for approval.
**Step 7: Review and Submit**

Finally, you’ll need to Review your information to verify for accuracy and completeness. Be sure to double-check that all Tax Identifiers, Business Addresses, Contact Email Addresses, and Bank Account information is correct.

**Review and Submit – Verify for Accuracy and Completeness**

1. **Company Details**: Verify that your Company Name, Tax Organization Type, and any Tax Identifiers are correct.
2. **Contacts**: Verify that all your Contact Names are spelled correctly, and that each Contact you wish to have access to the Supplier Portal has a Valid Email Address.
3. **Addresses**: Verify that your Addresses have the correct Street Name, Postal Code, and City. Verify that the Address Purposes are correct.
4. **Business Classifications**: Verify that you have listed all applicable Business Classifications and have added any Attachments to support your certification by a Certifying Agency.
5. **Bank Accounts**: Verify that your Bank Account Numbers and Bank Names are correct.
6. **Products and Services**: Verify that you have listed all applicable Products and Services Categories you’d like to offer to the County.
7. When you have reviewed and verified all your Information for accuracy and completeness, click the Register button to submit your registration for approval.

**Congratulations!** You’ve taken the first step to becoming a Prospective Supplier for Dallas County! **Thank you for your interest in doing business with us!**

You’ll receive a few emails welcoming you to the Supplier Portal, verifying that your registration was submitted, and a notification that your user account has been created. You can see an example of the emails you’ll receive on the next page of this document.
Supplier Portal Emails You’ll Receive Upon Registration Approval
You’ll receive a few emails welcoming you to the Supplier Portal, verifying that your registration was submitted, and a notification that your user account has been created. Supplier Registration may take up to thirty (30) business days. You’ll need to reset your password when you log into the Supplier Portal for the first time.

Supplier Portal Emails

1. **Supplier Registration Approval Notification**: You’ll receive a similar email to inform you that the information you submitted during registration has been reviewed and approved by Dallas County. **Registration Approval does NOT guarantee you will be awarded business by Dallas County.** You are registered as a Prospective Supplier, which means you’ll be able to view and respond to Requests-for-Proposals (RFPs) and Bidding Opportunities. **No action is required at this point.**

2. **User Account Creation Notification**: You’ll receive a similar email to inform you that your user account has been successfully created, with descriptions of the roles you’ve been assigned. **No action is required at this point.**

3. **Welcome to Supplier Portal**: You’ll receive a similar email to introduce you to the Portal and provide a link you’ll need to **click to Reset Your Password**. When you click the link, the Supplier Portal login webpage will open, and you can choose a new password.

Welcome to the Supplier Portal!
We’re excited to develop a mutually beneficial business relationship with you and your organization!