



Defence Construction Canada announces launch of next phase of its e-procurement solution

Starting in August 2016, Defence Construction Canada (DCC) will begin accepting online electronic bids (e-bids) for tenders that require bid security, using the service provider MERX, an independent private sector tendering service. E-bids for tenders that do not require bid security are already accepted. Following successful pilots with the Canadian Construction Association and the Surety Association of Canada, DCC adopted the online electronic bidding capability as a way to enhance industry access and allow the Corporation to manage the tendering process more accurately and efficiently from beginning to end.

For tenders that require bid security, prime contractors will be required to submit either an electronic bid bond (e-bond) or cash security by electronic funds transfer (wire transfer). The requirement for the submission of electronic bid security will be rolled out in the Ontario Region first, with other regions to follow soon after.

Detailed instructions on submitting electronic bid security are available in the [Bidders' guide to electronic bid security at DCC](#).

DCC's e-bidding capability

Prime contractors can use e-bidding to:

- submit their bid online at no additional cost;
- make revisions to their bid at any time prior to tender close;
- upload their e-bond directly into the system (starting August 2016);
- submit their cash security through an electronic funds transfer (starting August 2016);
- receive an e-bid confirmation number once the e-bid is submitted successfully; and
- view bid results online.

E-bidding for consultants (i.e. electronic submission of RFPs) is not yet available and will be rolled out at a later date after consultation with the architecture and engineering industry.

Important information

- paper submissions are no longer accepted where e-bidding has been phased-in;
- the requirement for electronic bid security will be clearly identified in MERX;
- scanned copies of paper bonds will not be accepted as e-bonds; and
- electronic funds transfers will have to be received by DCC by the tender closing date and time.

DCC complies fully with Government of Canada contracting regulations to ensure a secure, efficient, fair and transparent process for procuring and managing defence and security infrastructure projects.

Contact information

For more information on DCC's e-bidding capability, visit our [e-bidding FAQ](#) or contact Alain Xatruch, Procurement Specialist, at alain.xatruch@dcc-cdc.gc.ca.

Electronic Bid Security

Frequently Asked Questions

What are acceptable forms of electronic bid security?

Where bid security is required, prime contractors will have to submit either an electronic bid bond (e-bond) or cash security by electronic funds transfer (wire transfer). Detailed instructions on submitting electronic bid security are available in the [Bidders' guide to electronic bid security at DCC](#).

How do I submit an e-bond?

E-bonds must be submitted through MERX. DCC can only accept e-bonds that are capable of verification and that are digitally signed and sealed by a third party digital service provider. Visit DCC's [e-procurement page](#) for further information on e-bonds.

How do I submit cash security by electronic funds transfer?

Electronic funds transfers (wire transfers) must be made through a financial institution that is a member of the Canadian Payments Association. DCC's banking information is provided when the electronic funds transfer option is selected on MERX. Transfers **must** contain the unique reference number provided by MERX and be received by DCC by the tender closing date and time.

How do I get my cash security refunded if I am not the successful contractor?

DCC will return cash security by direct deposit. Contractors that are not already enrolled in direct deposit should do so as soon as possible to avoid delays. To enroll, complete the Direct Deposit Enrolment for Contracts form ([DCL291](#)) and submit as per the instructions on the form