

## Security & Reliability

"Will my bids be safe?" Rest assured that security and reliability are the cornerstones of this service.

- Bids are transmitted with strong encryption
- Bids are held in an electronic "lockbox" prior to the bid opening
- If a bid were to be intercepted, it is unreadable
- Redundant power sources and file back-ups are provided
- Duplicate sets of the Bid Express hardware are located in separate geographical locations
- The system is built, maintained, and constantly monitored to ensure the reliability you would expect for this critical service
- The Bid Express service has been a key partner in bidding across the US and Canada since 1997
- The Bid Express service has earned a certification under the VeriSign® Security Certification Program. VeriSign is the leading provider of security and infrastructure services.

## Support when you need it

Customer support for Bid Express is available at no charge Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm EST via telephone and e-mail (customer.support@bidx.com). In addition, help with common issues and responses to typical questions are posted on the web site.

## Get Started Today!

All you need to use Bid Express is a computer with Internet access. Visit the Bid Express web site at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) to try it out. (As a guest, you will be able to access limited contract data). You can also learn more about the Bid Express services.



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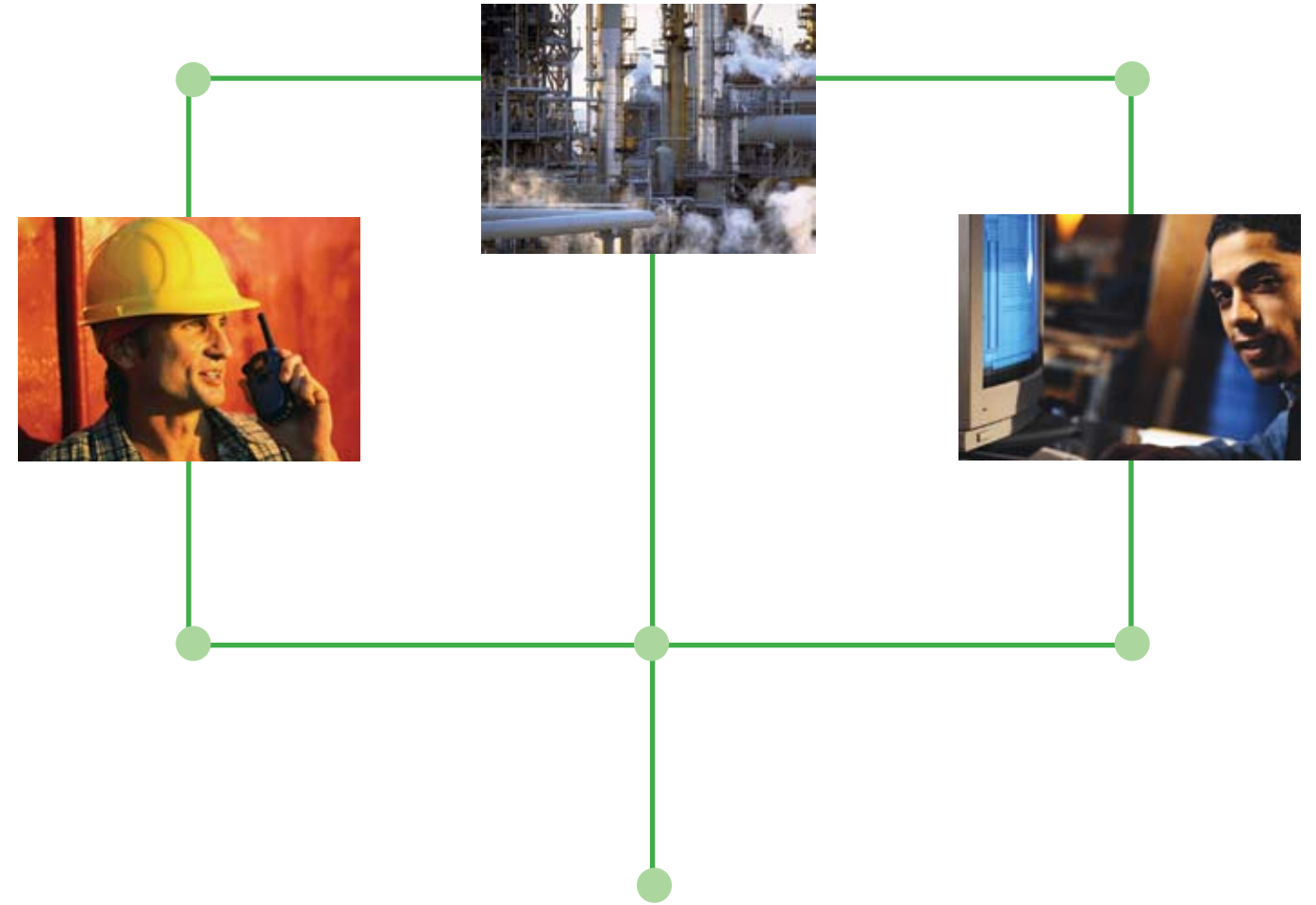
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Internet bidding can be this easy when  
you subscribe to the Bid Express® service.

Information for Subscribers

## Why subscribe to the Bid Express service?

The Bid Express service puts the best bidding tools at your fingertips so you can spend less time preparing bids and more time completing projects. Your bids will be more competitive and you can eliminate unnecessary paperwork. The Bid Express service has been providing sealed, secure Internet bidding for more than ten years. Thousands of bidders use this powerful service to gain a competitive edge.

## Services Available

When you subscribe to the Bid Express service, you gain access to the Basic Service. Additional services may be added on.

## Basic Service

The Basic Service gives you access to information for more competitive bidding. Simply download the .EBS file and prepare your bid using Expedite™ Bid software (available for free). The quantities come across automatically, so you just need to enter prices, and computation is done for you. Then, save your bid to disk, or print it. With the Basic Service, you can:

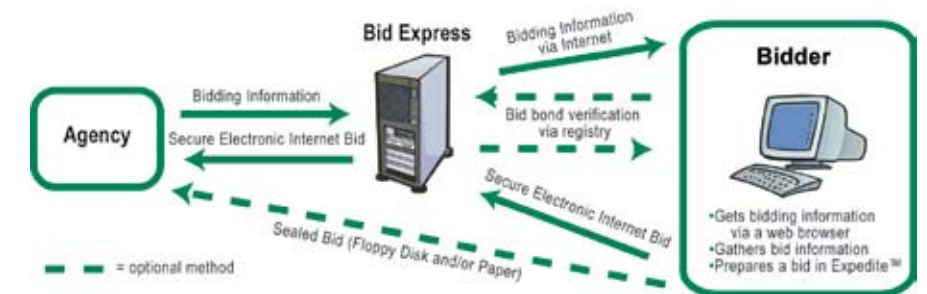
- Quickly find data with the Search function
- Access data from all Bid Express agencies
- Automatically be alerted to errors/omissions
- Access on-line bid-bond verification (via participating surety agencies)
- View real-time, as-read bid results and line-item bid results after bid openings
- Utilize the Small Business Network to exchange sub quotes with subcontractors, and track your efforts. This can be especially useful in meeting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals. Subcontractors can also advertise a work type specialty on the Small Business Network and create a quote form specific to a contract.
- Receive e-mail notifications on posted bid files, amendments, etc...
- Access optional, add-on services from Bid Express

Top Left: Expedite Bid software.  
 Above: Apparent bid results on Bid Express.  
 Top Right: Bid information posted to Bid Express.  
 Left: List of upcoming bids page

## Internet Bidding Service

Attending bid meetings in person can be expensive in travel costs and in time spent away from the office. Internet bidding service allows you to submit your bids on-line so you never need to leave the office. With Internet bidding service, you can:

- Submit a bid that is held in an electronic lockbox until the bid opening
- Update or withdraw a bid up until the bid opening
- Access electronic bid bond verification via participating surety agencies
- Make bidding truly paperless



## On-line Plan Sheets Service

Are you tired of handling mounds of paper? By subscribing to the On-line Plan Sheets service, you gain access to bid-related documents from any computer. They can be viewed on-line, printed in your office, or ordered and shipped to you. With this service, you can:

- Download all of the documents in a set, or make a smaller selection
- View documents from any computer
- Pay one flat fee for viewing and downloading all documents, including large-format plan sets
- Access documents from all participating Bid Express agencies for one flat fee
- Order printed documents and have them delivered to your door

## Bid Tab Analysis Service

When preparing bids, you may sometimes have difficulty determining what to charge for an item. There are many variables that can affect an item's cost and there is often little time to do research. To assist, BidX.com offers a Bid Tab Analysis service that provides enhanced analysis of past bid information so you can prepare more competitive bids. With this service, you can:

- View past bid prices and low, average, and high prices for items
- View prices in a variety of formats, including by proposal, items, and bidder
- Perform many different analyses quickly and easily
- Access bid tabs data from any agency using Bid Express
- Prepare more competitive bids