

FI\$Cal Statewide Procurement Vendor Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Impact to my Business

What will FI\$Cal be used for?

FI\$Cal will replace much of the functionality of the current BidSync system, including the California State Contracts Register (CSCR), Small Business/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SB/DVBE) certification process, and searching for certified SB/DVBE suppliers.

As a vendor, what can I do now to prepare for FI\$Cal?

FI\$Cal will be communicating to vendors in a variety of ways. We encourage vendors to visit our FI\$Cal Vendor Web page for updates (www.fiscal.ca.gov/vendors). Until July 2015, continue to use BidSync as you do today.

How do I access FI\$Cal?

Right now, there is no vendor access to FI\$Cal's vendor portal. We will be communicating with vendors when the vendor portal is available (expected to be available July 2015). Until then, continue to use BidSync for your State of California procurement activities:

<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/home.aspx>

Will I be charged a fee to use FI\$Cal?

No. FI\$Cal is a state owned and maintained system, there are no fees.

Will anything change on my IRS 1099 form?

Vendors will receive a consolidated 1099 form for all payments issued from FI\$Cal departments. Vendors will continue to receive multiple 1099s if they do business with FI\$Cal and non FI\$Cal departments.

Vendor Registration Information

Where do I go to register in FI\$Cal?

In July 2015, vendors will be able to access FI\$Cal's vendor portal through the procurement portal. FI\$Cal and DGS will be coordinating the communication to the vendor community regarding registration. At this time there is no vendor access available to FI\$Cal.

Do we have to re-register or rebuild our profile in the new system?

Non-certified SB/DVBE vendor will need to re-register in FI\$Cal. As part of your FI\$Cal registration we will search our database, based on Tax Identification Number (TIN), to determine if there is an existing record for your business. Certified SB/DVBEs will receive specific instructions on how to access the System. There will be more detailed instructions on the registration process once the vendor portal is implemented.

Will our current BidSync login and password work in the new system?

No. You will need to create new credentials (login and password) in the FI\$Cal system.

Certified SB and DVBE firms will receive communication about how to access their profile in the FI\$Cal system.

Implementation Timeline

How does the Wave implementation approach affect my business?

Because FI\$Cal is being implemented by wave – departments and functionality are being added at different times. This means you may get purchase orders created in FI\$Cal from some departments and continue to receive the STD 65 Purchase Order from other departments.

SB/DVBE Certification

If we are currently certified as an SB/DVBE, will our certification be transferred into the new system?

Yes. Certification data (including profile and historical data) will be converted from BidSync to FI\$Cal. Certified SB and DVBE firms will receive communication about how to access their profile in the FI\$Cal system.

Will I have to renew my certification on or before July 2015?

The Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Services (OSDS) has issued certifications with expirations through July 2016, therefore no existing certifications will expire between July 2015 and July 2016.

Will my SB/DVBE certification number change?

No. You will retain your existing certification number issued by DGS.