

BEWARE OF PHISHING MESSAGE – RE: Bid Amendment Notification – Bid #...

It has come to our attention that some vendors may have received a message from bid.info@philla.org regarding a bid amendment. The City of Philadelphia (City) did not send this message. In the message is a link that starts “<http://bit.ly...>” and brings you to a site not affiliated with the City. We suggest that you exercise caution when entering your personal information into any system.

The City considers this email message a phishing scam. A phishing attack occurs when a fraudster tries to trick you into sharing personal information online. The scam attempts to lure vendors into taking certain actions, including visiting a fraudulent website to input personal information and/or to download malicious programs. Other messages request that the vendor remit payments and provide remittance information within the body of the message in the form of a routing and account number. **If you clicked on the link and entered your email address and password, it highly recommended that you change that information on any website for which you currently use that same login information.**

Please note: The City does not send bid amendments from our bid.info@philla.org email address. Further, the City Procurement Department does not use or link to any web addresses starting with “<http://bit.ly...>”.

If you have any questions regarding any email sent by any phila.gov email, please contact our customer service desk at 215-686-4720.

EXAMPLE

From: State Purchasing & Contracts Office [<mailto:bid.info@philla.org>]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:55 AM
Subject: Bid Notification

We are notifying all diverse suppliers, service providers, contractors, subcontractor and consultants to validate their contact details with the purchasing/contracts division (City of Philadelphia)

We will be sending project bids to all vendors we have on file. It is mandatory you verify your contact information you have with us to avoid missing out on the contract bids.

Use the link <http://bit.ly/2i43aT0> to update your recent contact information and view lists of contracts available for bids.

Requesting Department: Procurement Division
Buyer Name: Janira Barroso
Buyer Phone: (215)686-4770

N:B: If your browser won't take you to the contract bid information, look out for our next email.

Regards,
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