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**New Online Vendor Registration**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** –"We are pleased to announce the publication of a new Online Vendor Registration system on the Agency's website," said John Richard, Director of the Department of Central Services. "Vendors have a greater opportunity to obtain business and the State has a better chance to acquire the best deal for products and services it needs."

Shoes, tires, produce, paper, computers, and vehicles are among items the State needs for its daily operation. Thousands of businesses would like to be partners with the government. Until recently, vendors interested in doing business with the State have needed to search daily for bid announcements on DCS' website. Oklahoma now provides easy access for these vendors to be notified about business opportunities with the State. For a statutory fee of \$25.00 per commodity, vendors buy peace of mind and also save time, because they are notified via email of any solicitations fitting their profile.

Previous methodology was based on a multiple exchange of forms between vendor and State. The new system makes registering easy; it validates data immediately as it is being entered and allows vendors to view and register for over 200 State-needed commodities. Everyone registered has equal opportunity and access to information. Users are able to pay online via Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card, or by electronic funds transfer. Online data entry and transactions are processed through OK.gov's secure payment server.

"We have waited for this solution for vendor registration for a long time and it is finally here" said Betty Cairns, State Purchasing Director. "We are excited that the Department of Central Services is able to provide this convenience for private entities and also save resources on operations in the public system."

The new **Online Vendor Registration** was developed with the assistance of OK.gov and can be found at <http://www.vendors.ok.gov/>.

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