

Contractor Announcement

Highlighted Changes Regarding MDOT's Upgrade to Web Enhanced Bidding

The following document summarizes and highlights the major differences between the previous bid submission software (AASHTOWare Project Bids™) and BidX's new Web Enhanced Bidding. MDOT will begin using Web Enhanced Bidding starting with the Sept. 4, 2026, bid letting.

A guide has been created by InfoTech to provide instruction on how to navigate the Bid form and submit bids through the Web Enhanced Bidding experience at the following link: [Bid Submission in BidX | Contractor Guides](#) Bid Submission in BidX | Contractor Guides - Overview. Note that the guide developed by InfoTech may provide some additional notes and/or steps to functionality that MDOT does not utilize.

Change #1 | Elimination of a 3rd Party Software for Bid Submission

With Web Enhanced Bidding there is no additional software needed for contractors to submit a bid outside of their BidX account. The software MDOT has been using in conjunction with BidX (AASHTOWare Project Bids™) will no longer be utilized. Once a proposal is opened within an applicable letting, in the top right corner of your browser you will now see a blue button labeled **Bid Form**. When clicked, this will take the user to a new page that is formatted similarly to if the user had opened a Project Bids .ebsx file.



IMPORTANT ACCOUNT NOTE: Since the bid submission is now done directly within your BidX account, it is recommended that the user submitting bids for your company has a dedicated account. Users may experience issues if multiple representatives sign into a single account for your company simultaneously. Free BidX accounts (that access everything except the ability to submit a bid) can be created as needed for other staff by following the instructions at www.BidX.com and clicking on the "Get Started for Free" button, then choosing the free account.

Change #2 | Compatibility with other Operating Systems

Since Web Enhanced Bidding is now entirely browser based, this also opens up the ability for users to submit bids on different operating systems that previously were not compatible (i.e. MacOS). Note that some browsers may still be incompatible with the Web Enhanced Bidding Software, such as Safari. Browsers such as Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome have been tested and verified as compatible, though this is not a recommendation for a specific browser.

Change #3 | Addition of a Security Key

A new requirement to Web Enhanced Bidding is the addition of a Security Key. There is no cost associated with creating or re-creating this key (it is free). The purpose of the Security Key is to safely store a draft of your bid data within your browser. Users still have the ability to create and restore backups of their bid files manually within the Bid Form under the **File** button within the menu header.

IMPORTANT SECURITY KEY NOTES:

1. Since the Security Key is stored in your browser, should you clear your browser's cache OR choose to change browsers you will need to re-upload your Security Key.
2. To ensure bid submissions are secure, MDOT and BidX do not have access to your Security Key and therefore cannot recover it for you. Should you lose your Security Key, you will have to create a new one on www.BidX.com. It is very important to ensure your Security Key is stored in a safe and accessible location so that you can re-upload it if needed.
3. Should you lose your Security Key, any previous bid data entered on the Bid Form (draft or submitted) will not be automatically populated the next time it is opened. You will also not be able to view and/or withdraw the active bid previously submitted by your company, as applicable. If a new Security Key is created and a new bid submitted, it will still overwrite the previously submitted bid for your company as normal.

Change #4 | Entry of your Infotech® Digital ID

In AASHTOWare Project Bids™, when a user was ready to submit their bid, they were prompted to select their Bidder ID and Infotech® Digital ID in addition to entering their Infotech® Digital ID password. This was a required step for every proposal on which a user intended to submit a bid.

The very first time a user navigates to a bid form that utilizes Web Enhanced Bidding, they will be prompted to upload their Infotech® Digital ID and enter their Infotech® Digital ID password. Once that is completed, the user will not be prompted for that again (including on different proposals and lettings, unless their browser cache is cleared). On the Bid Form, it will provide a dropdown for the user to choose which Bidder the user is submitting as. This can be selected at any point when completing your bid form and will only show those Bidders that your Infotech® Digital ID is approved for use with MDOT. Since this information can now be set up and selected prior to submitting your bid, it will allow contractors a faster bid submission process.

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General

Information ✓

Schedule of items

Designated and Specialty Items

DBE or SBP Goal

Warranty Obligations

Addenda Acknowledgment

General

Hunter Hinchcliff

Installed

Unknown bidder

Please select a bidder to set company information

*Bidder

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Proposal details:

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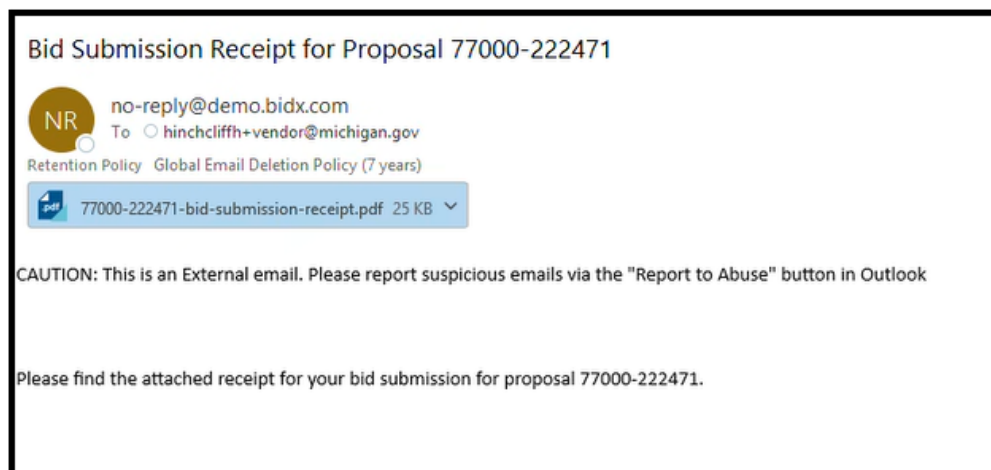
IMPORTANT INFOTECH® DIGITAL ID NOTES:

1. Since the Infotech® Digital ID is now stored in your browser, should you clear your browser's cache OR choose to change browsers you will need to re-upload your Infotech® Digital ID.
2. To ensure bid submissions are secure, MDOT and BidX do not have access to your Infotech® Digital ID certificate file nor its password and therefore cannot recover or reset them for you. Should you lose your Infotech® Digital ID or its password, you will have to create a new Infotech® Digital ID on www.BidX which includes a monetary cost. It is very important to ensure your Infotech® Digital ID certificate is stored in a safe and accessible location so that you can re-upload it if needed.

Change #5 | Bid Submission Receipt

In the event of an error or “glitch” where the Department does not receive your submitted bid or the bid the Department receives is not your latest submission, the first thing MDOT and BidX will ask for will be your bid submission receipt. In Project Bids, the user would choose to print the receipt and it was only available at the time the bid was submitted - if it was not printed at that time but the user desired to get their receipt, the bid had to be re-submitted (which was only available to do before the applicable letting date/time, which was too late if the error was discovered after bid opening).

In Web Enhanced Bidding, the bid submission receipt is automatically emailed to the email address that was used to log in to BidX for which the bid was submitted under. The user no longer manually prints the receipt at the time of bid submission.



IMPORTANT BID SUBMISSION RECEIPT NOTES:

1. If you are submitting bids on behalf of your company, it is recommended that you ensure you have access to the email address associated with the BidX account that bids will be submitted under.
2. It is strongly recommended that users ensure they have received a copy of the bid submission receipt in their email after each bid submission. MDOT and BidX do not have access to the receipts and therefore cannot recover or reprint them for you.

Where to get help

Click the “?” at the top right of any BidX page for online help.

Customer support hours for BidX are 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Toll-free number: 888-352-BIDX (2439)

bidx.support@infotechinc.com

Please visit [Support | Infotech](#) for additional contact information.

Additional information can be found at: [Bid submission in BidX – Bidx](#)

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