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## **ePro to transform San Bernardino County procurement**

Online access for businesses looking to provide products and services to the County of San Bernardino is making a giant leap forward with the County Purchasing Department's unveiling of the new online Electronic Procurement Network system. ePro is a major technological advance and will increase the speed, efficiency, cost savings and reporting capabilities of the County's acquisition processes.

ePro's state-of-the-art system will offer web-based vendor registration, bid notification, online solicitations, and electronic purchase orders. The easy-to-use system will also give County vendors the ability to respond to bids online, adjust proposals prior to the closing date as often as needed in response to addendums or market changes, upload certifications and bid documentation, and attend bid openings remotely.

Necessary system maintenance and support will be funded through a service fee applied to contract awards made through the system.

"Government contracting remains necessary even in times of declining revenues, so it is especially timely that the County's launch of the web-based ePro system will provide a faster and more efficient platform from which to manage purchasing while reducing County and supplier costs," said Laurie Rozko, the County's Director of Purchasing.

In April, the Board of Supervisors approved the awarding of a contract to Periscope Holdings, Inc. of Austin, Texas to provide software, licensing, system maintenance, and support services. Selected after an extensive competitive process, Periscope Holdings is a leader in the industry and has successfully deployed electronic procurement throughout the nation.

Vendor registration opens Tuesday, November 1, 2011 and access is available through the County Purchasing website at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/purchasing/>

The full implementation of ePro is planned for launch in the early spring of 2012. For more information contact the County of San Bernardino Purchasing Department at (909) 387-2060.