**What is the PennBid program and why is HACC using it for public bids?**

The PennBid Program (www.pennbid.procureware.com) is a managed website that efficiently matches buyers and sellers of goods and services, providing significant cost and time savings. As an Instrumentality of the Commonwealth, HACC is able to utilize this powerful tool. PennBid is used by over 1,500 public agencies, private sector companies, and professional design firms for material purchases, skilled craft and professional services, and construction projects.

Public agencies, private companies, and design firms can take advantage of the program to post and manage all aspects of their competitive bid process at absolutely no cost. Vendors gain full access to all features and program benefits following a onetime no cost / no risk registration.

The PennBid program has allowed HACC to streamline its public bidding process by offering us the ability to utilize a single point of contact for all our bids and proposals. It also increases the visibility of our public postings by leveraging access to several thousand registered vendors, in addition to whoever we wish to invite. The site manages the bid process from posting, through Q&A and addendums, to the bid award.