

Procurement Data Transparency: Opportunities and Considerations

Governmental Operations Standing Committee
October 22, 2025



Support for Transparency

- The administration is in full support of the goals outlined in Ord. 2025-211, including:
 - Providing the public greater access to meaningful information.
 - A commitment to building trust through openness in government.
 - DPS willingness to work with Council to demonstrate our current practices and capabilities to provide this transparency.

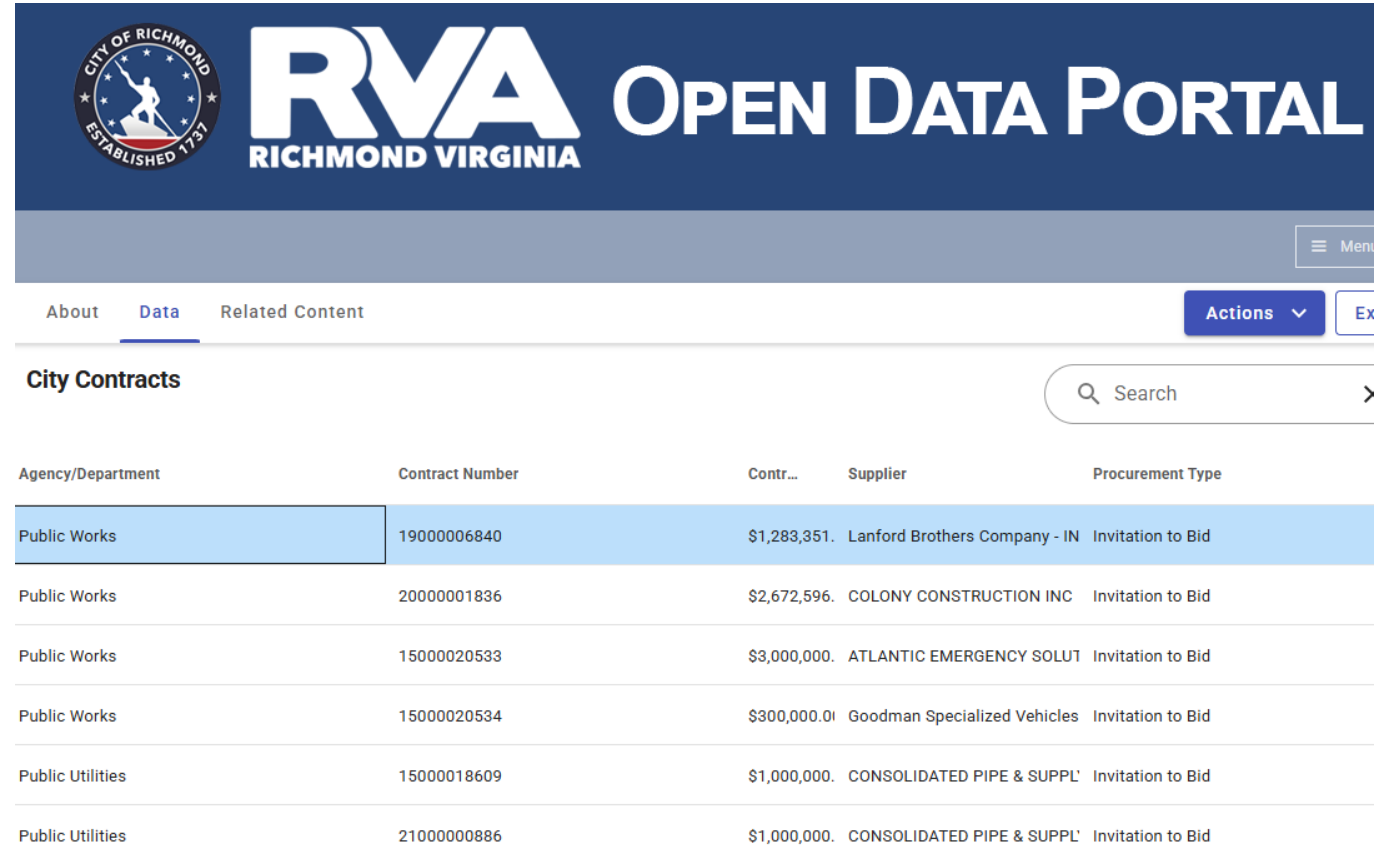


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Contract Information in Ord. 2025-211
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Open Data Portal

- (1) The agency or department name
- (2) The contract number
- (3) The dollar amount of each contract award
- (4) The supplier name
- (5) The procurement type or method
- (6) A brief description of the contract
- (7) The purchase category
- (8) The effective date of the contract
- (9) The end date of the contract



The screenshot shows the RVA Open Data Portal interface. At the top is the header with the City of Richmond logo and the text "RVA OPEN DATA PORTAL RICHMOND VIRGINIA". Below the header are navigation tabs: "About", "Data" (selected), and "Related Content". There is also an "Actions" dropdown menu. The main content area is titled "City Contracts" and features a search bar. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: "Agency/Department", "Contract Number", "Contr..." (Contract Amount), "Supplier", and "Procurement Type". The table contains six rows of contract data.

Agency/Department	Contract Number	Contr...	Supplier	Procurement Type
Public Works	19000006840	\$1,283,351.	Lanford Brothers Company - IN	Invitation to Bid
Public Works	20000001836	\$2,672,596.	COLONY CONSTRUCTION INC	Invitation to Bid
Public Works	15000020533	\$3,000,000.	ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUT	Invitation to Bid
Public Works	15000020534	\$300,000.0i	Goodman Specialized Vehicles	Invitation to Bid
Public Utilities	15000018609	\$1,000,000.	CONSOLIDATED PIPE & SUPPL'	Invitation to Bid
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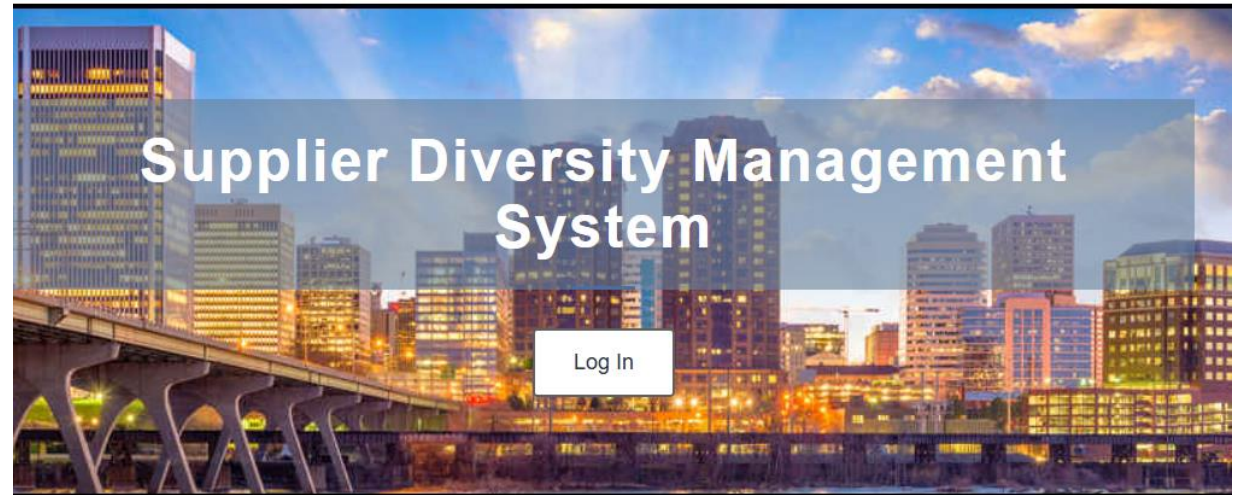
OMBD Vendor Registry

(10) MBE or ESB status



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(11) For IFBs, information on unsuccessful bidders

(12) RFP or IFB number, if applicable



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Privatization of Meter Services	Closed Awarded	1	3/11/2024	4/10/2024
Canal Walk Improvements - Phase II (UPC No. 113492)	Closed Awarded	0	3/22/2024	4/22/2024
2 Inch Mill and Overlay Paving	Closed Awarded	0	4/2/2024	5/2/2024
1 Inch Mill and Overlay Paving	Closed Awarded	0	4/2/2024	5/2/2024
Richmond Water Treatment Plant Access Bridge – Douthasdale Road	Closed Canceled	0	4/4/2024	5/6/2024



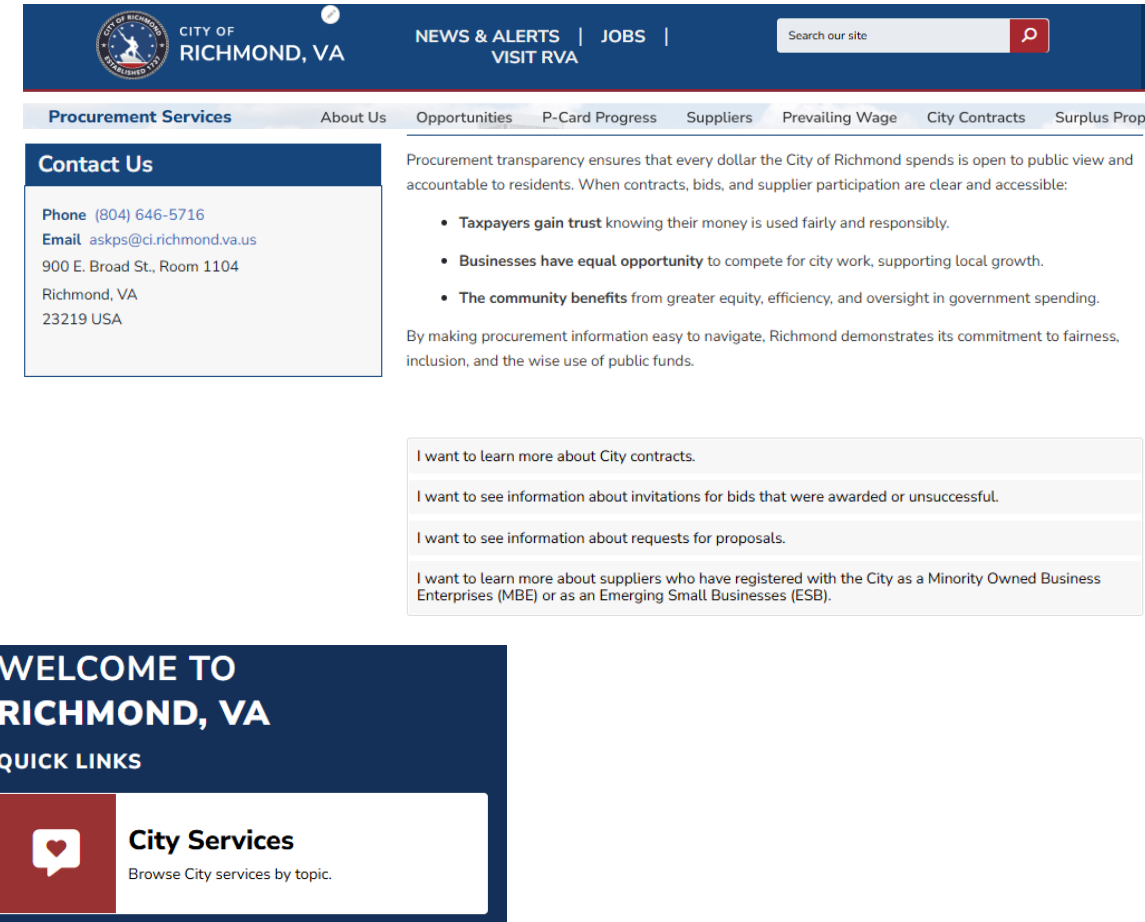
Fiscal & Operational Impact

- All requested information is currently publicly available.
 - Additional migration from OpenGov into the Open Data Portal will incur \$20,000 in recurring annual maintenance.
- Because of the potential for multiple winners, losers and contracts resulting from a single procurement, there is no intuitive way to present this information within the constraints of the Open Data Portal. OpenGov is designed specifically for this purpose.
- The City does not currently charge FOIA fees for records that are already publicly available.



Path Forward

- The Administration has developed a new navigation tool on RVA.gov that seamlessly directs the public to each data source stipulated by Ord. 2025-211.
- The page can be easily accessed via *City Services*, the Procurement webpage, and other locations on RVA.gov.



The screenshot displays the City of Richmond, VA website. The header includes the city logo, name, and navigation links for News & Alerts, Jobs, and Visit RVA. A search bar is also present. The main navigation bar highlights Procurement Services, with other links for About Us, Opportunities, P-Card Progress, Suppliers, Prevailing Wage, City Contracts, and Surplus Prop.

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Procurement transparency ensures that every dollar the City of Richmond spends is open to public view and accountable to residents. When contracts, bids, and supplier participation are clear and accessible:

- **Taxpayers gain trust** knowing their money is used fairly and responsibly.
- **Businesses have equal opportunity** to compete for city work, supporting local growth.
- **The community benefits** from greater equity, efficiency, and oversight in government spending.

By making procurement information easy to navigate, Richmond demonstrates its commitment to fairness, inclusion, and the wise use of public funds.

I want to learn more about City contracts.

I want to see information about invitations for bids that were awarded or unsuccessful.

I want to see information about requests for proposals.

I want to learn more about suppliers who have registered with the City as a Minority Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) or as an Emerging Small Businesses (ESB).

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