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Welcome to the USA Buyers Marketplace!

This electronic Marketplace will enable you to purchase goods and services efficiently and competitively over the Internet from a nationwide listing of vendors. This Marketplace is operated by International eProcurement LLC ("IELLC").

The USA Buyers Marketplace will provide buyers the ability to generate requests, solicit and receive bids and proposals, make awards, track usage, among many other features. It will also provide a wide variety of vendors with access to Requests from Buyers across the country on a local, state, regional or national basis.

In utilizing this Marketplace, it is important that you understand the nature of the Marketplace and certain terms and conditions that govern its use. Your subsequent use of this Marketplace site constitutes your agreement to these terms and conditions, which are stated below. Before conducting procurement activities, you will be asked to acknowledge this agreement the first time you login.

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• Determining the buyer needs

- Preparing the specifications
- Preparing and assuring the completeness of the Requests
- Evaluating the vendors
- Selecting the best qualified bid or proposals
- Compliance with all applicable legal requirements
- Establishing the terms and conditions of the contract
- Assuring proper authorization to enter into a contract and the proper administration of any resulting contract.
- Maintaining the security and integrity of the procurement process

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