

# Forum2024 Supplier Connect

November 19, 2024

Registration is now open! <u>Review the floorplan</u>, then <u>follow these registration</u> <u>directions</u> to secure your space in the event.

## **Supplier Vendor Registration**

Regular Registration: May 17 – October 11

Late Registration: October 22 - October 31

## Why come to Forum as a Supplier?

## Here's what Forum2024 offers for our supplier partners this year!

**New** for Forum2024 – Conference App Exhibitor Portal Access

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Click below for a preview of the Exhibitor Portal

## New for Forum2024 – training opportunities for attending suppliers

Whether you're new to contracting with the Commonwealth or just want a refresher on how suppliers can connect with the State to encourage business relationships, these included training opportunities can be an added value for your time at Forum2024!

## Supplier Connect Full Schedule and Session Descriptions

## Supplier Connect – 10:00-1:00

#### New To Forum2024 Supplier Connect Expo

- New earlier start time! The Supplier Connect Expo will begin at 10:00 AM immediately following the morning sessions.
- Don't forget to take advantage of the in-app game to aid in Supplier interaction during Supplier Connect.

#### Supplier Connect Code of Conduct

- As a reminder, wagons, trolleys, shopping carts, large shopping bags, etc. will not be permitted in the Supplier Connect event.
- In order to ensure there are enough for all: You may **only take one (1)** give away item per Supplier booth as these are permitted for registered Forum participants in attendance.
- This code is designed to make Forum2024 welcoming for our supplier partners as well as Forum attendees, violators may be asked to leave the Supplier Connect or Forum2024 at DGS discretion.

#### Tuesday – Supplier Sessions\*

#### 8:30-9:30 AM: TS1 - Supporting COVA Suppliers

Speakers: Margaret Gehler, Billing and Collections Manager, eVA Business, Joanne Bryant, Deputy Director, eVA Business, Irma Hart, Supplier Relationship Manager, Jennifer Barnett, Director, Virginia Institute of Procurement

Session Description: What are some of the many ways that the Commonwealth supports our Supplier community? Join the Supplier Relationship Manager, and members of the eVA Business and Viriginia Institute of Procurement Teams to learn more.

#### 2:15-3:15 PM: TS2 - The Model COVA Supplier

Speakers: Evan Davis, Supplier Performance and Data Analytics Manager, VITA, Mary Lou Bulger, Director, Statewide Sourcing & Category Management, VITA

Session Description: This training will philosophically describe the model supplier that COVA desires to work with across the enterprise including information technology, goods and services, etc.

#### 3:45-4:45 PM: TS3 - eVA Supplier Overview

Speakers: Kim Pritchett, Marketing & Outreach Manager, eVA, Lakeia White, Vendor Support Manager, eVA

Session Description: Suppliers should come join this session as we focus specifically on electronic invoicing and other issues that impact the eVA Supplier Community

\*Sessions on this page are for participating suppliers in the Supplier Connect Expo ONLY. Forum2024 attendees will not be permitted save in preapproved circumstances. Note: This is a draft schedule and is subject to change at any time.

## About the Supplier Connect Expo

The Public Procurement Forum's Supplier Connect Expo is Virginia's largest event for public procurement professionals and supplier partners. As a supplier at this event, your business will gain access to:

- 600+ procurement professionals from over 140 state agencies
- Enhanced educational sessions
- Catered lunch

## **Supplier Vendor Opportunities**

	MICRO (DSBSD CERTIFIED)	STANDARD	PREMIUM	EQUIPMENT SHOWCASE
	<b>Single</b> / \$600	<b>Single</b> / \$750 Double / \$1500	Single / \$950 Double / \$1900	20x20 / \$2,600 30x40 / \$3,800 40x50 / \$5,000
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Booth Electricity and Carpet				✓
	Single / 2 Lunch Tickets	Single / 2 Lunch Tickets Double / 4 Lunch Tickets	Single / 2 Lunch Tickets Double / 4 Lunch Tickets	4 Lunch Tickets

**Booth Sizes** 

Micro Certified Standard Booth (Single Only): 10x10

Standard/Premium Single: 10x10

Standard/Premium Double: 10x20

Equipment Showcase: 20x20, 30x40, or 40x50

## Questions?

Visit the Forum Supplier Connect <u>webpage</u> for updates. For further questions, email <u>forum@dgs.virginia.gov</u>.