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**Butte County General Services Department Announces an Opportunity
for Vendors and Contractors to Learn How to Do Business with Butte County
SAVE THE DATE – January 23, 2013**

News Release

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Oroville, CA – Butte County officials announced that they will be sponsoring an event on January 23, 2013, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Manzanita Place, 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA (Chico Elks Lodge).

Butte County purchases a significant amount of goods and services each year. These purchases range from supplies, such as computers and office supplies to purchases of vehicles and heavy equipment. The County also contracts with a sizeable number of professional services firms and general contractors each year, to provide specific services for the various County Departments.

It is in the County's best interest to insure that all purchases and contracts are awarded by a fair and open solicitation process, in accordance with State law and County Ordinance. Our over-riding goal is ensure that that Butte County always receives the best value for its citizens. This event is an opportunity for any business or consultant that is interested in providing goods or services to Butte County to come meet our staff and learn how to participate in County bids and quotations. Short training topics will be presented on subjects new suppliers, contractors and consultants will find most helpful such as; types of solicitations and contracts, insurance and contracting requirements, how to get your invoice paid promptly, and how prevailing wages and ADA/accessibility laws may affect the delivery of County projects. There will also be staffed information booths to explain how to do business with the County and to answer any general questions about the County contracting process.

The County has teamed up with PublicPurchase.com to electronically post all competitive solicitations on the County's website. All solicitations for purchasing and contracting projects, from supplies to consultants, will now be posted on the County's website using this online system. This new system will dramatically improve our staff efficiency, and allows a much simplified and faster dissemination of solicitations, plans, specifications and specific project information to a much larger audience. Additionally, the County will have a bank of computers and staff available at this event to assist potential vendors with signing up for Butte County's online solicitation notification system. Our goal with this event is to improve our relationship with our suppliers, vendors and consultants, and in that process, ensure that the County continues to receive fair and competitive bids for each and every purchase and solicitation. This event is free to all, and we encourage participation by all types of suppliers and consulting firms.

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