

Searching for Suppliers

Introduction

Within SMU Financials eProcurement, you can search the existing database of suppliers (formerly vendors) and view details about them.

Using the Supplier Search

1. Click the **Main Menu** button.
2. Click the **Suppliers** menu.
3. Click the **Supplier Information** menu.
4. Click the **Add/Update** menu.
5. Click the **Supplier** link.
6. You can search for a supplier by entering the appropriate criteria in the **Supplier ID** or **Supplier Name** fields.

The screenshot shows the 'Supplier Information' search interface. At the top, it says 'Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.' Below this is a 'Find an Existing Value' button. A 'Search Criteria' section contains several fields: 'SetID' with a dropdown set to '=', 'Supplier ID' with a dropdown set to 'begins with' and a text input containing 'SMETH', 'Persistence' with a dropdown set to '=', 'Short Supplier Name' with a dropdown set to 'begins with', 'Our Customer Number' with a dropdown set to 'begins with', 'Supplier Name' with a dropdown set to 'begins with', 'Financial Sanctions Status' with a dropdown set to '=', and 'Name 2' with a dropdown set to 'begins with'. Each text input field has a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom left of the form is an 'Include History' checkbox. At the bottom right are buttons for 'Search', 'Clear', 'Basic Search', and 'Save Search Criteria'.

NOTE: When searching in the Supplier Name field, filter the criteria if necessary by using the “begins with” or “contains” options.

7. Click the **Search** button.
8. Review your search results carefully.

NOTE: The Name 2 column may contain a pertinent note regarding inactive suppliers, how a company may be currently “doing business as,” or a reference to a specific supplier number you should be using.

9. Once you have reviewed the supplier information, select the appropriate supplier link.
10. The first tab, **Identifying Information**, displays Supplier ID, Short Name, and Supplier Status.
11. Click the **Address** tab.
12. Use the arrows to view additional addresses if available.
13. Phone Information is displayed at the bottom of the page. You can toggle between numbers by using the arrow buttons on the right or by selecting to view all which will display a scroll area. Click the **View All** link.
14. A scroll area is now available. Use the vertical scroll arrows to see the multiple phone types.
15. Click the **Contacts** tab.
16. Vendor contacts are displayed if available.
17. Click **Return to Search** button.
18. **End of Procedure.**