Most supplier relationships are established within the departments on the four CU campuses. To be an established supplier, you must be invited by a CU department.

**CU Supplier Portal**

The CU Supplier Portal is available through the University's eProcurement system, CU Marketplace. As an external supplier, register in the CU Supplier Portal to do the following:

- Register online to become a supplier with CU (this is done by invite only).
- Manage supplier information, such as addresses, contacts, and diversity classification
- View and respond to University solicitations on CU's BidNet Website [2].
- View invoice status online. (This access replaces the need to contact the University for invoice status information.)

**Individual Payees**

If a department wishes to issue you an Honorarium [3], you will receive an invitation to register as an Individual supplier in the CU Marketplace. Individual suppliers are a condensed registration that is not required to provide as much information as a Company or an Independent Contractor that receives a Purchase Order. Follow the registration steps noted here (**Individual Registration Knowledge Article**) and in the video below:
Companies/Organizations and Independent Contractors

If your company/organization is working with a CU department, or you are working under a Scope of Work [4], you will need to complete a Company/Independent Contractor registration. This registration collects more information, such as what types of goods/services you will be providing the University, Small Business designations, and more. Follow the registration steps noted here (Company/Independent Contractor Knowledge Article) and in the video below:
Documents Necessary for Supplier Registration

United States Individuals and Organizations

*Please note that individuals doing business as an Individual/Sole Proprietor or Single-Member LLC are required to do business under their Social Security Number and will register using their legal name.*

**W-9** [5] (US entity)

Non-US Individuals and Organizations

For additional guidance on international tax, contact the [International Tax team](#) [6]

**W-8BEN** [7] (Foreign Individual)

**W-8BEN-E** [8] (Foreign Entity)

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- [Hire An Independent Contractor (Scope of Work)](#) [4]

Related Articles

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