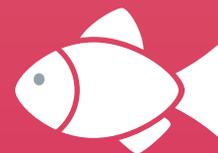
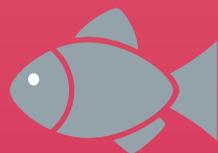
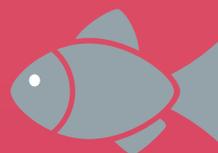


Orpington

1ST

Your invitation to join the only national BID buying group.



Meercat
ASSOCIATES LIMITED

FOREWORD

Orpington 1st is committed to finding new ways of supporting its levy payers.

In these difficult economic times you need to know that as well as the benefits realised by the various projects that are undertaken to improve the Town Centre your investment in the BID can be returned and exceeded by cost savings.

I am therefore delighted to introduce to you our new partnership with Meercat Associates. Thousands of BID businesses across the UK are already benefiting from their services and now through Orpington 1st you can also take full advantage of their services.

Meercat Associates are specialists in sourcing and managing contracts for individual business by harnessing the powers of established UK business communities. The Orpington 1st BID will work with Meercat to maximise the benefits of collective purchasing.

Specialts in utilities, telecoms, testing and pest control Meercats expert team can provide you with all the support you need. They can manage all your renewal contracts ensuring you get the best prices and that your contracts are sorted out well in advance, with waste and recycling Meercats will be supporting our partners at CD Waste.

This exciting new project is designed to support you by taking away some of the stress and strain of running a business as well as improving your profitability. Through the partnership with Orpington 1st this service is absolutely FREE for all levy payers so take full advantage of the benefits it will bring to you and your business.

As we continue to develop we will also add further collaborative projects to ensure that you continue to get the best deal for your business from your investment.

Take a little time to look and see how Meercats can gain you the advantage!

Sharon Baldwin
Bid Manager
Orpington 1st





UTILITIES

Energy Markets are volatile, understanding them, knowing when to buy and getting the right deal can be time consuming and confusing.

You can join the tens of thousands of businesses currently in business improvement communities across the UK. The power of the group will reduce the cost of your power!

The Meercat energy team will take care of everything for you; we will secure cheaper prices for your gas and electricity and fix these prices to protect you from changes in the energy market. We will then monitor and manage the contract to ensure you are always on the best market rates.

You don't need to wait until your current contract expires as we work proactively to plan and secure the most favourable terms for the renewal of your contract.

Our end-to-end service covers all aspects of the energy procurement process. We audit your current consumption and use market intelligence and risk analysis to forecast energy prices. We work with national suppliers on the wholesale market and by utilising the buying power of our all our UK business community members we are able to procure the best contract on your behalf at the right price and help you reduce risk.

We can help your business reduce its carbon footprint and save money at the same time. Our robust systems are able to track your contract and terminate it at the right time which will prevent it from rolling to a higher rate. We provide an efficient and hassle free service – you provide us with copies of your utilities bills and we manage the entire process including termination of your current contract, obtaining quotes, renegotiating with suppliers and drawing up new contracts. One of our energy consultants will be made available to your business and will advise you at every stage.

We are committed to helping you save money and will provide our service at no cost for every year you remain a member of the business community buying group.



TELECOMS

With technology changing daily and market deals changing just as fast, how can you ensure that you are getting the right deal?

Our telecoms experts will provide you with a clear and concise solution. Our UK wide group procurement deals will make you great savings.

No matter what your business, we will find the right solution for you. We will use our purchasing power to secure you the best market rates. We will take away the confusion; we will save your business time and effort and reduce your existing costs.

While you are part of the business community buying group your contracts will be monitored, managed and cost controlled for you.

Send us a copy of your most recent telecoms bill today and we'll undertake a free, no obligation audit to determine how much you can save.





TESTING

Every Business by law has to ensure that their building and equipment is safe and regularly tested/assessed. Finding the right supplier can be difficult, and getting the right price can be impossible if you are procuring on your own. By working with your community we can ensure that costs for these services are the lowest in the market place. By working with Meercat Associates you ensure the service you receive is second to none.

We have done all the work in finding you the solution you need. Our group deal keeps prices low and service levels high.

We will take care of your:

- Fire Risk Assessments
- Health & Safety Risk Assessments
- Fire Warden Training
- DSE Assessments
- Legionella Water Testing
- Periodic Inspection Reporting - Fixed Wire Testing
- Fire Alarm Testing
- Fire Extinguisher Servicing
- Thermal Imaging
- Emergency Lighting Testing
- PAT Testing
- Electrical Maintenance; Planned & Reactive



PEST CONTROL

If you believe you have a problem with pest control, act now. Pest problems that get out of control can have a devastating effect on your business.

We fix your problem fast and we control what you are charged.

Pests can carry disease and cause food poisoning; they also bring problems with odours, damage and excrement. The sooner you act, the sooner we can help you solve your pest-control problem at the right price.

After an extensive procurement exercise we have negotiated an exclusive package for your business community which ensures you will be offered affordably priced pest control with a friendly and professional service.

At every stage, you'll feel the reassurance of dealing with an established, professional and trusted business. Our advisors can arrange an inspection so they can make a more detailed recommendation based on your individual

circumstances and recommend an approach that will work for your business. Our service covers all infestations across food and non-food premises.

Working together across your community we can drive out the pests and drive down the cost of maintaining a healthy and clean working environment. Our pest control advisors are available to guide you on the best course of action and can put together a tailored pest control strategy for your business.

Whether it's rodent, bird or insect control we have an affordable solution for your business.





WASTE/RECYCLING

Every business produces waste and has to pay to have it removed. Every business community has many suppliers driving large trucks through the streets, collecting rubbish. This means that different business are paying different rates and receiving different service levels.

At CD Waste Management Ltd we bring business communities together and address the entire waste management issue as a group. Our work ensures costs are reduced, service levels are managed and how waste is collected and processed is controlled.

We can make this massive environmentally beneficial commitment while reducing costs significantly for each participating business. This is a must for every environmental and cost conscious business.

In most business communities a large percentage of the waste collected ends up in landfill. At CD Waste Management Ltd we are dedicated to reducing waste to landfill across the entire UK. Our Zero-2-landfill initiative is at the very core of every waste management strategy we implement.

Along with the community benefits, if your business currently has waste management issues, we can advise and help you find a bespoke, cost effective environmental solution.

As a member of a business community, our advice is free and you are under no obligation, our waste management team awaits your call.

Orpington 1st members are already eligible and taking advantage of the reduced waste costs via the CD Waste Partnership. For more information email orpington1st@cdwaste.co.uk.





Please take the opportunity that this project can give you to support your business!

Help us to help you by giving us feedback and letting us know what benefits you have gained.

Our intention is to provide a service that matches your requirements and to use local suppliers to support this wherever possible. We will introduce further services as we develop the programme and welcome your comments on any additional services that you believe would be useful.

If you are a supplier and believe you can offer BID Levy Payers a great deal then please send us your details.

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