



Automated Logic

Build Better with Automated Logic

Automated Logic provides real-time building controls

Automated Logic has provided intelligent building solutions to help customers operate their buildings more efficiently for more than 40 years. The company takes pride in providing building automation systems and solutions for customers ranging from small single sites to large multi-site customers like school districts and local governments.



WebCTRL, its industry-leading web-based building automation system, is at the heart of solutions for the company and provides real-time visibility and control of equipment, systems and facilities, from anywhere.



The top priority for any building is to provide occupant comfort and be energy efficient, which aligns with the company motto: *We Make Building Better*. **Automated Logic**, contract #21/021MJ-04, helps keep facilities for CP members running at peak performance while ensuring precise management of temperature and indoor air quality.

Automated Logic has served more than 30 CP members. A common praise by members is that the WebCTRL system is the easiest to use and most intuitive system they have utilized. Several members have saved thousands of dollars in energy costs by utilizing the tools built into the company's system.

"Choice Partners has really helped Automated Logic (ALC) by allowing customers to utilize our system and services and know that they are getting a fair price," said Chad Stewart, sales manager. "We have had a wonderful relationship with Choice Partners for over 12 years and we feel that this relationship has allowed us to provide great value to the Choice Partners membership."

To learn more about **Automated Logic**, visit www.automatedlogic.com or contact Chad Stewart at chad.stewart@carrier.com or 281-694-0655.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Guidelines for working with federal funds

Choice Partners recently hosted its annual workshop with Disaster Recovery Services (DRS) at Landry's Seafood, located on the Kemah Boardwalk.

Dr. Kim Abrego, chief operating officer, opened the event to cover procurement for disaster recovery alongside Shelley Vineyard, director of procurement specialty. A focus for the discussion highlighted amendments to The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA).



The event was open for any CP members within 100 miles to participate and discuss strategies to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season and other disasters with federal funds and procurement methods.

For more information on Disaster Recovery Services, visit www.disastersllc.com or contact Shelley Vineyard, director of procurement specialty, at 832-603-2251 or svineyard@disastersllc.com.

Legal Corner: BABA Amendments

New Certification of Compliance with Domestic Preferences Required for Infrastructure Projects Using Federal Funds

BABA requires that funds made available for a federal financial assistance program for infrastructure must not be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products and construction materials incorporated into the project are produced in the United States.



**Sarah Langlois
HCDE Partner**



A new certification of compliance with domestic preferences is required when federal funds are used for infrastructure projects, based on recent amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations. The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) became effective on May 14, 2022, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's final rule providing guidance on the Buy America preferences became effective on Oct. 23, 2023.

Infrastructure is defined to mean public infrastructure projects, including buildings and real property, utilities and broadband infrastructure, among others. When necessary, federal award recipients may apply for and the federal agency may grant waivers from the BABA requirements.

Noncompliance with the BABA requirements would constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of the federal award and could result in the reduction or termination of the federal award. In the new BABA certification, vendors are required to certify compliance with all applicable BABA provisions and requirements, including those specific to the federal agency awarding the financial assistance.

The BABA requirements must also flow down to subrecipients at all tiers, including all contracts and purchase orders for work performed or products supplied under the federal award. Specific details regarding the BABA preferences may be found in the new CFR part, 2 C.F.R. Part 184 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-1/part-184>). Choice Partners has updated its vendor packet to include a certification of BABA compliance.

CP Appreciates their members and vendors



Jedediah Greenfield (left), City of Houston's chief procurement officer, receives a member appreciation plaque from Bethany Webster, CP field rep.



Aaron Minard - regional manager, Bryan Lee - medical solutions manger & Michael Hickman - sales from Technical Lab Systems (Tech-Labs), a Texas-based organization, receives their vendor appreciation plaque.

Choice Extras



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New Episode!



Choice Chat Podcast

Listen to the latest episode of *Choice Chat* to delve into how the **Choice Ca\$h** rebate program works, including answers to frequently asked questions from our very own staff Jeff Drury, senior director, Jane Lopez, assistant director, and Christina Nino, client services manager.

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New Members

HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members: **Center Point ISD**, Center Point, Texas; **Connally ISD**, Waco, Texas; **Flour Bluff ISD**, Corpus Christi, Texas; **Navarro County**, Corsicana, Texas; **The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**, San Antonio, Texas; **Morgan State University Baltimore MD Mayes County**, Mayes County, Okla.; **Palo Heights School District #128**, Palo Heights, Ill.

Contracts

Recently Awarded Contracts: Vending Machines and Service for Beverages and Snacks; K Commodity Processing of USDA Foods; Smallwares, Preventative Maintenance, and Repairs for Food Service and C Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO) Parts, Equipment, and Related Services.

Recently Renewed Contracts: M&O Parts and Equipment; Water Treatment Chemicals & RI; Waste & Recycling Services; Disaster Recovery Consultants; Musical Instruments & Related Items and Computers, Hardware, Technology Devices, Maintenance and Related Services.

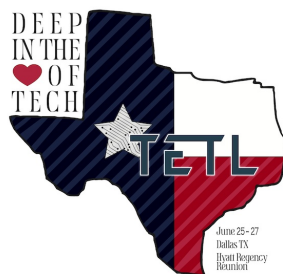
Upcoming Events



Region One ESC Tech Conference
May 14
South Padre Island, Texas



TASBO Summer Solutions
June 17-19
Round Rock



TACCBO
June 18-21
College Station, Texas

So. TX County Judges & Commissioners
June 24-27
South Padre Island, Texas

TETL Summer Conf
June 25-27,
Dallas, Texas

ISM-RGV
June 26 -28
South Padre Island, Texas



TASN Annual Conference
June 29 - July 2, 2024
San Antonio, Texas

Current CSP's & RFP's

College Readiness Test Software & Materials

Due Date: May 30, 2024

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Upcoming Contracts/Send Us Your Vendors!

Road/Highway Materials and Products

Exterior Cleaning, Environmental Solutions & Related Services

Fire, Safety, Security and Surveillance Equipment, Installation, and Inspection

Joc Trades

College and Career Readiness

Get Involved

Do you know a vendor who has provided exemplary service? Have a statement to make about Choice Partners service quality? Want to share with others about a Choice contract that meets your needs? Submit your review using the link below.

[Submit a Review](#)

We would love for our members to host a training. Trainings are a great way to network and gain exposure. If you would like to host a training, submit your information to the link below:

[Host a Training](#)

Let your contacts who are quality vendors know about these opportunities. They must register in our E-Bid system to do business with us.

[Register to Become a Vendor](#)



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