

## **Competitive Bidding – Joan L. Headley**

*Competitive Bidding Expands: Has it come to your area, yet?*

- Competitive Bidding begins in the following cities on July 1, 2013\*. It is a large pdf and may take a while to load.

[www.dmecompetitivebid.com/Palmetto/Cbicrd2.Nsf/files/Rd2\\_NMO\\_Contract\\_Supplier\\_List.pdf/%24File/Rd2\\_NMO\\_Contract\\_Supplier\\_List.pdf](http://www.dmecompetitivebid.com/Palmetto/Cbicrd2.Nsf/files/Rd2_NMO_Contract_Supplier_List.pdf/%24File/Rd2_NMO_Contract_Supplier_List.pdf).

- CMS's online searchable supplier directory is already showing which providers are holding competitive bidding contracts. To find the contract-holders for specific categories in specific areas, visit [www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory/search.html](http://www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory/search.html) and enter the zip code in question; select up to five product categories; and then scroll down and click the green "search" button.

*What is Competitive Bidding?*

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- [Editorial from a Home Care Company](#)
- [Competitive Bidding Update—One Year Implementation Update April 17, 2012](#)

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\*The [American Association for Homecare](#) continues to fight the July 1 implementation date. They have proposed an alternative program called [Market Pricing Program](#)