

Re: Web site for bidding

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Rod wrote:

- > *Does anyone know if there is a web site for electronic design and prototype*
- > *bidding? I see there is plenty of sites for freelance programmers but for*
- > *some reason, I can't find any sites for freelance design people/companies.*

Freelance programming and product development are quite different businesses. I don't know of anyone who would blind-bid product development, though I am sure there are some.

Are you looking for appearance design only (industrial design) or for turn-key product development? They are two separate businesses, a product development co. will subcontract the appearance work to an ID.

There are individuals who do product development (real product development – \$100K – \$500K per assignment) but they are few and far between. In general they do not advertise, sales are by word of mouth.

I would write up an RFQ (request for quote) detailing what you want to accomplish and send it to local firms – as I assume you are looking for low \$\$ (no travel costs) and don't need the services of Battelle and their kin.

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