

# Managing Submitted Bids

## Summary

This article explains how submitted bids behave in BuilderPal, including how subcontractors can update bids, what happens after a bid is awarded (and potentially un-awarded), and how long bidding remains open.

## What Are Submitted Bids?

A submitted bid is a quote that a subcontractor has sent to a general contractor (GC) for a specific trade on a project.

Once a bid is submitted, it appears inside the **Bid Package** for that trade, where the GC can review, compare, award it—or un-award it—until the subcontractor accepts. Subcontractors can also update or replace their bid if needed.

## What Happens After You Submit a Bid?

Once you submit a bid:

- Your bid is visible to the GC inside the Bid Package.
- Your bid status will show as **Not Awarded** until the GC makes a decision.
- You can continue communicating with the GC through the **Bid Conversation** chat.
- If the GC awards you, that award remains able to be reversed (“un-awarded”) **until you accept** the job.
- The job remains open for other bids until the GC manually closes the bid or it expires.

## Viewing Bids in Job Connector

On the Job Connector page you’ll find several tabs that help you keep track of your bidding activities:

- **Open Bids** — Jobs you can actively submit bids to.
- **Requests** — Jobs you’ve asked to bid on and are waiting for approval.
- **Closed Bids** — Jobs where bidding is no longer allowed.
- **Passed** — Jobs you’ve declined to bid on.

## Can Subcontractors Edit or Resubmit a Bid?

**Yes.**

Subcontractors can change a submitted bid by:

1. Removing the original quote
2. Submitting a new one

This allows subcontractors to update pricing, adjust scope, or respond to feedback from the GC without needing to create a brand new bid package.

## What Happens After a Bid Is Awarded?

When your bid is awarded:

- The bid package status updates to **Awarded** for you.
- The GC may still reverse the award (un-award) until you accept.
- After you accept, you're committed to that subcontract unless the workflow supports otherwise.
- The bidding process remains open for other subs until the GC closes the job or it expires.

## How Bids Close

A bid package stops accepting new bids when:

- The GC manually closes the bid
- The bid package reaches its expiry date

Until one of those actions occurs, the bid stays open—regardless of an award being made.

## Communication & Follow-Ups

All communication related to bids happens inside the **Bid Conversation**.

If documents need to be exchanged after a bid is submitted or awarded (or un-awarded):

- They're shared directly inside the bid chat
- This keeps all bid-related communication and files in one place

## Things to Keep in Mind

- A bid award by a GC is not final until the subcontractor accepts.
- GCs cannot manually remove all bidding rights; the bid stays open until closed or expired.
- You can update your bid while the job is open.
- Keep track of communication and documents in the bid conversation thread.

## Related Articles

- [How to Bid on a Job](#)
- [Requirements Before Bidding](#)
- [Invite-Only Jobs vs Public Jobs](#)
- [Communication in Bids](#)

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