



Facility and Road Design Tips: FedBizOpps Provides Examples

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The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requires all Federal agencies to post procurements over \$25,000 on FedBizOpps for public solicitation. New project managers and contractors may find it useful to review project plans and specifications on the FedBizOpps Web site to see how other units have handled similar Forest Service projects before beginning design work.

To find existing Forest Service road, building, and construction contracts (figure 1) go to the FedBizOpps Web site (<http://www.fbo.gov>):

1. Click the "Opportunities" tab.
2. Click the "Advanced Search" tab (figure 2).
3. Type "forest" in the keyword box. Under "Classification Code," scroll all the way down to select "Y-Construction of structures and facilities." Click "Search."

Scroll through the projects to find one that may be useful or further refine your search (figure 3).

Select the project to view the solicitation package. The left column has links to documents, drawings, and specifications included in the package.

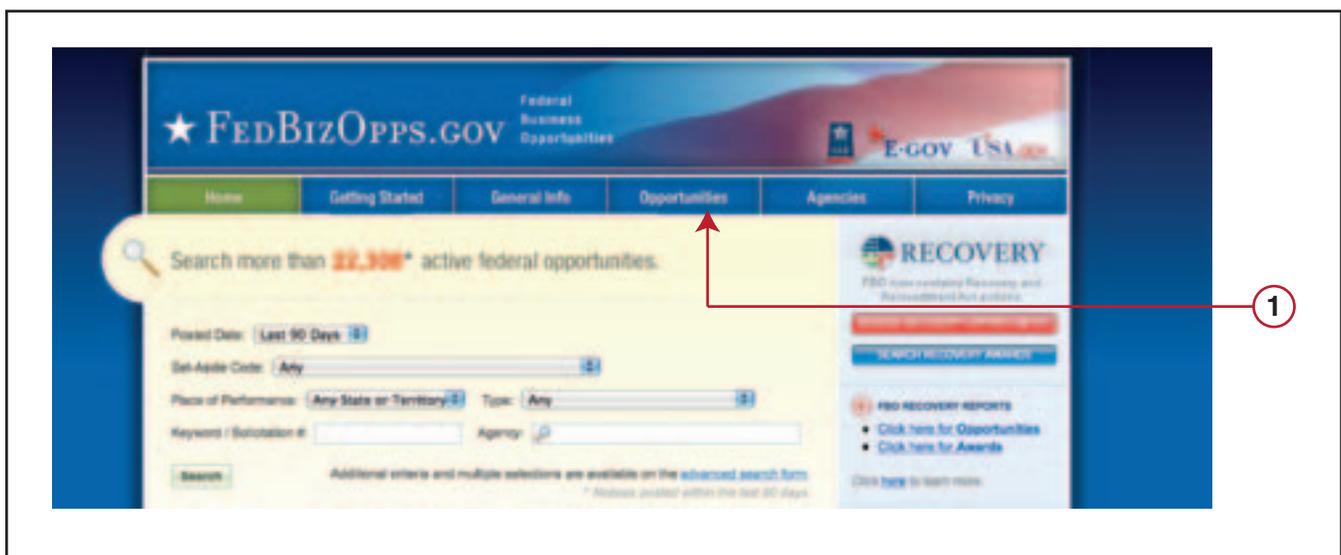


Figure 1—Click on the "Opportunities" tab.

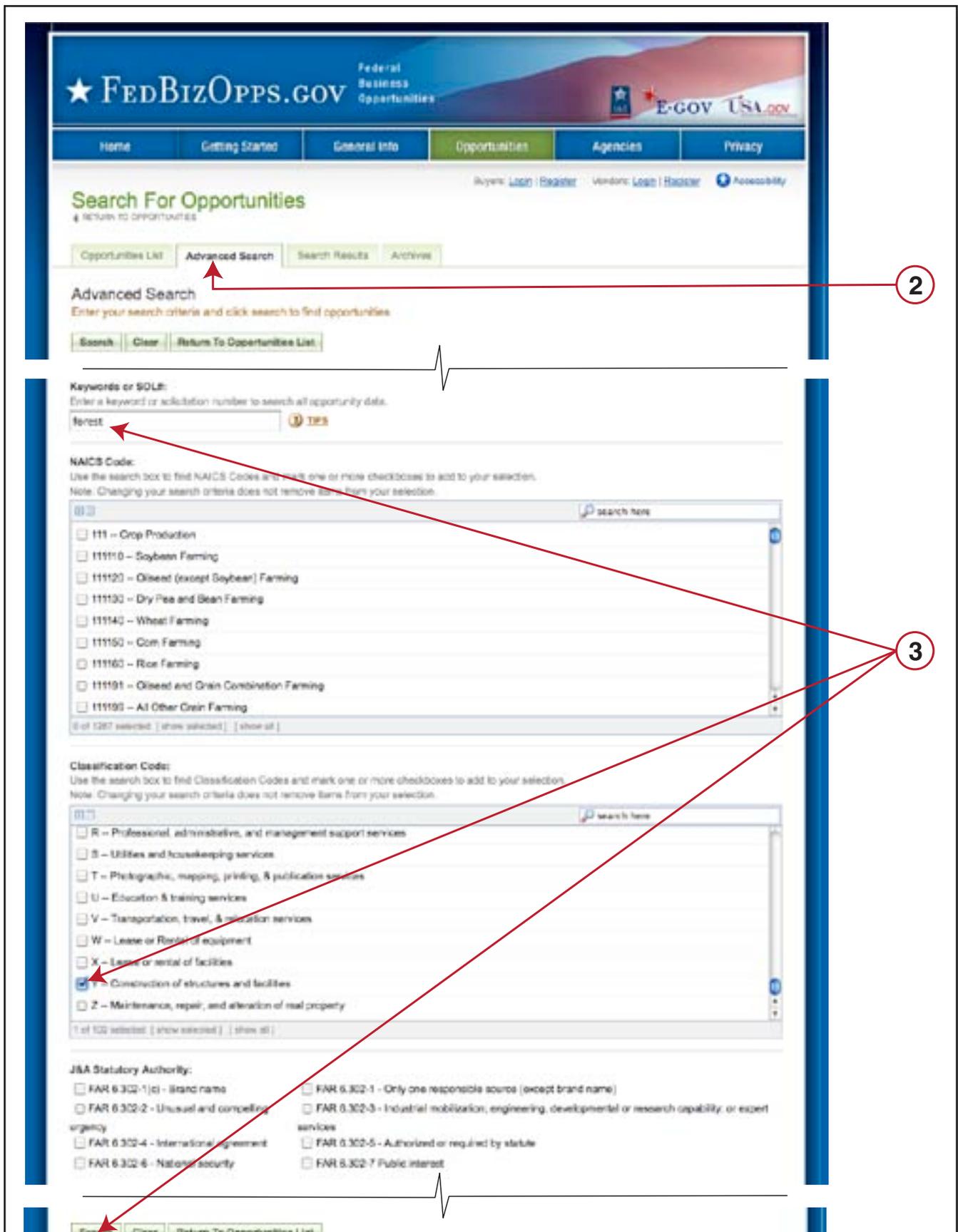


Figure 2—Click the “Advanced Search” tab and provide the search criteria. You will have to scroll down to see the whole page.



The screenshot shows the FedBizOpps.gov website with search results for 'RECOVERY' projects. The page includes a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Getting Started', 'General Info', 'Opportunities', 'Agencies', and 'Privacy'. The 'Opportunities' section is active, showing a list of results. Two results are visible:

Opportunity	Agency/Office/Location	Type / Set-aside	Posted On
RECOVERY - OBLITERATION OF ROADWAYS ON THE HURON MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST, MICHIGAN RECOVERY AG-4418-S-10-0213 Y - Construction of structures and facilities	Department of Agriculture Forest Service Eric East	Solicitation (Modified) / Total Small Business	Jan 13, 2010
RECOVERY - Camp Crook Administrative Facilities on the Custer National Forest RECOVERY AG-6291-S-10-0091 Y - Construction of structures and facilities	Department of Agriculture Forest Service EROC Intermountain	Solicitation (Modified)	Jan 12, 2010

The screenshot shows the detailed view of the 'RECOVERY - Camp Crook Administrative Facilities on the Custer National Forest' solicitation. The page includes the USDA logo and the following information:

- USDA RECOVERY - Camp Crook Administrative Facilities on the Custer National Forest**
- Solicitation Number: AG-6291-S-10-0091
- Agency: Department of Agriculture
- Office: Forest Service
- Location: EROC Intermountain

The 'Notice Details' section shows a timeline of updates:

- Original Synopsis:** Dec 14, 2009 2:00 pm
- Changed:** Dec 16, 2009 11:41 am
- Changed:** Dec 23, 2009 3:00 pm
- Changed:** Dec 29, 2009 5:13 pm (Solicitation)
- Changed:** Jan 12, 2010 5:00 pm

The 'Synopsiic' section contains the following text:

AMENDMENT No.2 is a CHANGE to the HUSBZONE set aside in Amendment No. 1. After careful consideration and review this solicitation WILL BE solicited on a FULL AND OPEN BASIS as contained in the original presolicitation notice.

CORRECTION: This project IS A HUSBZONE SET ASIDE and NOT full and open as originally advertised.

RECOVERY - Camp Crook Administrative Facilities on the Custer National Forest.

Figure 3—The solicitations for Forest Service projects can serve as examples for facility and road designers.

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