

Notice to Suppliers: Fraudulent Purchase Order E-mail Activity

We want to alert you to an active e-mail scam involving purchase orders and requests for quotes that purport to originate from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), but are in fact fraudulent. Here are some common traits or themes of these fraudulent e-mails that may help reduce risk to your company in becoming a financial victim of this scam:

- The e-mail message is poorly written, with misspellings and awkward sentence structure
- The sender's e-mail address ends in .org and not .edu
- The message requests shipment of products to non-UMBC addresses
- The person named is not a UMBC employee or member of the Procurement Department

Prior to responding to the e-mail or filling the order, you may verify its legitimacy by contacting Procurement and Strategic Sourcing by phone, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at (410) 455-2540. If you believe you have received a fraudulent e-mail, you may forward it to emoss@umbc.edu.