Connect and sign in

Choose your assistant

Start at https://qualifiedbid.qualifiedcapacity.com/#connect. Connector name: Qualified Bid. Address: https://mcp.qualifiedcapacity.com/mcp. Use the same Qualified Bid work email across assistants; each assistant needs the connection enabled.

Claude

Open Customize; then Connectors; then + Add; then Add custom connector. Enter the name and address. Review OAuth settings, choose Sign in now and Claude's published identity when offered, then finish sign-in. Enable Qualified Bid under +; then Connectors in the chat. Team/Enterprise owners add the organization connector first. Detailed guide: https://qualifiedbid.qualifiedcapacity.com/setup/claude.

ChatGPT web

Current route: chatgpt.com/plugins; then Add; then Add custom MCP server. Enter the name and Server URL; choose OAuth. Review the requested access and complete Qualified Bid sign-in. Finish app/plugin creation and select or mention Qualified Bid in the chat. The observed 10 Oct form says Create as a plugin. Some organizations use Apps; then Create and administrator-managed access. OpenAI's 1 Oct platform-team update supersedes an older separate developer-mode prerequisite in the Plugins route. Reference: https://community.openai.com/t/developer-mode-missing-from-security-login-on-chatgpt-pro/1402157/10.

Codex desktop

Settings; then MCP servers; then Add server. Enter Qualified Bid, choose Streamable HTTP and paste the address. Save, restart when offered, then Authenticate. Complete sign-in, keep enabled and enter /mcp in the composer. Current OpenAI documentation may name the desktop app ChatGPT; check your actual MCP server settings. https://qualifiedbid.qualifiedcapacity.com/setup/codex.

Sign-in details

Use your work email and enter the six-digit email code in the sign-in screen. Your assistant login is separate. Read requested access before accepting it. Keep sign-in codes and account details out of a public screen recording.

Start a useful session

First prompt

Using Qualified Bid, get me started. Describe the service and geographic area for your first research question. Research can start without a company profile.

Tailored recommendations

Start with company name or a description of your work. Website or files can help; UEI is optional for initial setup. Review and confirm the profile. Ask: Using Qualified Bid, what can I bid on? Read the reasons and source conditions before deciding.

Who buys near me?

Identify the actual facility, purchased service and buying office. Keep the award or notice identifier, performance address, dates and official source. A recipient address is not proof of where work occurs.

What size work could I pursue?

Ask for recent value bands, median and counts as well as history. Record the value basis and full period; options and contract ceilings are not annual revenue. Confirm the vehicle and competition route.

What may be coming next?

Separate open notices, official forecasts and current/potential contract ends. A contract expiry does not guarantee a rebid. Check official forecast pages where the connector has no supported coverage.

Troubleshoot before repeating

Verify the selected assistant/workspace, enabled connector and Qualified Bid sign-in. If tools are missing, use the current provider instructions and ask the workspace administrator where needed. Read/confirm currentness; do not keep guessing UI labels.

Other Codex routes and a reusable record

Code editor

Open the gear menu; then MCP servers; then Add server. Use Qualified Bid, Streamable HTTP and the same address. Save, restart the extension when offered, then Authenticate.

Terminal

Run: codex mcp add qualified-bid --url https://mcp.qualifiedcapacity.com/mcp. Then: codex mcp login qualified-bid. Complete sign-in. Start Codex and use /mcp to check. The desktop, IDE and CLI can share the same configuration on a Codex host; check actual connectivity in each client.

Keep an evidence record

Record assistant, setup date, enabled connection and the first sourced question. Record company confirmation separately. Use the worksheet to keep buyer, size, forward-work sources and your next action.

Official route references

Claude: https://support.claude.com/en/articles/11175166-get-started-with-custom-connectors-using-remote-mcp. Codex: https://learn.chatgpt.com/docs/extend/mcp?surface=desktop. Qualified Bid: https://qualifiedbid.qualifiedcapacity.com/. ChatGPT: use the current Plugins menu and the OpenAI platform-team update above. Account/workspace rollout varies.