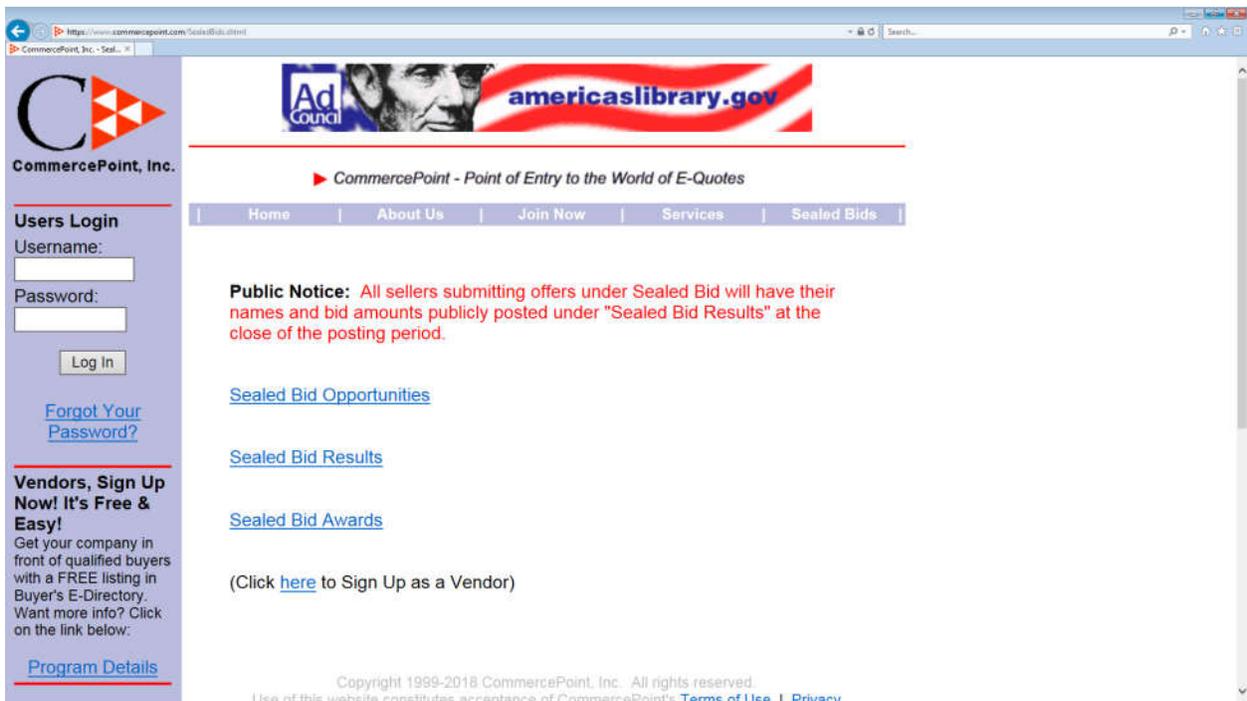


June 25, 2018:

New Sealed Bid module is now available. Buying groups can use Sealed Bid for construction or any other Request that requires to be in the Sealed Bid format (IFB/RFQ/RFP). Major difference between our regular Request module and Sealed Bid module:

1. All Sealed Bid solicitations will be posted on the “Sealed Bid Opportunities” page and is available for public viewing. Vendors do not have to have a CommercePoint account to view open solicitations
2. Offers submitted under Sealed Bid are electronically sealed and bid amount cannot be opened or viewed by buyers. Only vendor's name is displayed (similar to a vendor dropping off a bid packet) to the buyer
3. When Sealed Bid is closed, all offers received will be publicly posted under the “Sealed Bid Results” page
4. When a Sealed bid is awarded, the award result will be posted on the “Sealed Bid Awards” page for public viewing.
5. Vendor's award fee is still at 1/2% and is maximum amount is capped at \$500.00 (vs \$300 for regular Request module)



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CommercePoint website. The URL in the address bar is <https://www.commercepoint.com/SealedBids.html>. The page features a header with the Ad Council logo and the text "americaslibrary.gov". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Join Now, Services, and Sealed Bids. The main content area includes a "Public Notice" in red text: "All sellers submitting offers under Sealed Bid will have their names and bid amounts publicly posted under 'Sealed Bid Results' at the close of the posting period." Below this notice are three blue links: "Sealed Bid Opportunities", "Sealed Bid Results", and "Sealed Bid Awards". At the bottom of the main content area, there is a link: "(Click [here](#) to Sign Up as a Vendor)". The footer contains copyright information: "Copyright 1999-2018 CommercePoint, Inc. All rights reserved. Use of this website constitutes acceptance of CommercePoint's [Terms of Use](#) | [Privacy](#)".