

## **Attention LowesLink® Windows XP Users:**

Any vendor user who is currently connecting to LowesLink® using a Windows XP-based PC will need to upgrade to a PC leveraging the Windows 7 operating system (or newer) prior to **October 30, 2017**. In order to avoid exposing Lowe's, our customers, and our vendors to undue risk, the decision has been made to end our support for the Windows XP platform.

The Windows XP operating system shipped in 2001 with 11 supported cipher suites. Over time, these ciphers have been compromised by hackers, allowing attackers to decrypt secure data. As of April 2014, Windows XP is no longer supported by Microsoft, which means that Microsoft will no longer be providing security updates for the Windows XP operating system or the browsers that it uses to secure and transmit traffic between client workstations and servers. As a result, Windows XP computers, can no longer be trusted to securely transmit and receive data via an encrypted communications channel.

Internet Explorer users currently on Windows XP will no longer be able to connect to LowesLink® on **October 30, 2017**.

Thanks for your understanding!