

JEFFERSON COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
PROCUREMENT POLICY

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A. Introduction

1. Scope – In accordance with the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (the “N-PCL”) and the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005, Jefferson County Local Development Corporation (the “Corporation”) desires to adopt procurement policies which will apply to the procurement of goods and services to be paid for by the Corporation for its own use and account.
2. Purpose – Pursuant to the N-PCL, the primary objectives of this policy are to assure the prudent and economical use of the Corporation’s monies, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

B. Procurement Policy

1. Determination Required – Prior to commencing any procurement of goods and services, the President/CEO or an authorized designee shall prepare a written statement setting forth the basis for (1) the determination that competitive bidding is not required for such procurement, and if applicable (2) the determination that such procurement is not subject to any requirements set forth in this policy. Such written statements shall be maintained by the President/CEO or such authorized designee in a specially designated procurement file.
2. Procedure for determining whether Procurements are subject to Competitive Bidding – The procedure for determining whether a procurement of goods and services is subject to competitive bidding shall be as follows:
 - a. The President/CEO or an authorized designee shall make the initial determination as to whether competitive bidding is required. This determination will be based whether the Corporation contemplates expenditures of (1) the performance of any construction contract (services, labor or construction), and (2) for any purchase contract (acquisition of commodities, materials, supplies or equipment).

- b. The President/CEO or such authorized designee shall review the purchase request against prior years' expenditures, if any, and a good faith effort will be made to determine whether it is known or can reasonably be expected that the aggregate purchases of a similar nature will exceed the above competitive bidding procedures shall be followed for said expenditure.
 - c. The President/CEO or such authorized designee shall present any legal issues regarding the applicability of the competitive bidding requirements stated herein to the Corporation's Counsel.
3. Methods of Competition to be used for Non-Bid Procurements and Procurements Exempt by Statute – Alternative proposals or quotations for goods and services may be secured by use of written requests for proposals ("RFP"), requests for qualifications ("RFQ"), and/or written quotations, verbal quotations or any other method of procurement which furthers the purposes of this Section.
4. Procedures for the Purchase of Commodities, Equipment or Goods:
- a. Up to \$500 The discretion of the President/CEO or authorized designee.
 - b. \$501 - \$3,000 Documented verbal quotations from at least three vendors.
 - d. \$3,001 - \$10,000 and up- Written/fax quotations from at least three vendors.
5. Procedures for the Purchase of Construction or other Services:
- a. Up to \$1000 The discretion of the President/CEO or authorized designee.
 - b. \$1,001 - \$5,000 Documented verbal quotations from at least three vendors.
 - c. \$5,001 - \$20,000 and up Written/fax quotations from at least three vendors.

6. Basis for the Award of Contracts – Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible vendor who meets the specifications.

7. Circumstances justifying an Award to other than the Lowest Cost quoted.

- a. Delivery requirements
- b. Quality requirements
- c. Quality
- d. Past vendor performance
- e. The unavailability of three or more vendors who are able to quote on a procurement.
- f. It may be in the best interests of the Corporation to consider only one vendor who has previous expertise with respect to a particular procurement.

8. Documentation

- a. For each purchase made the President/CEO or authorized designee shall set forth in writing the category of procurement that is being made and what method of procurement is specified.
- b. The basis for any determination that competitive bidding is not required shall be documented, in writing, by the President/CEO or such authorized designee, and filed with the purchase order or contract therefore.
- c. For those items not subject to competitive bidding such as professional services, emergencies, purchased under city contracts or procurements from sole sources, documentation should include a memo to the files which details why the procurement is not subject to competitive bidding and include, as applicable:
 - (1) a description of the facts giving rise to the emergency and that they meet the statutory criteria; or
 - (2) a description of the professional services; or
 - (3) written verification of city contracts; or
 - (4) opinions of Counsel, if any; or
 - (5) a description of sole source items and how such determinations were made.

d. Whenever an award is made to other than the lowest quote the reasons for doing so shall be set forth in writing and maintained in the procurement file.

Whenever the specified number of quotations cannot or will not be secured, the reasons for this shall be indicated in writing and maintained in the procurement file.

9. Exceptions to Bidding

a. Professional Services – This category includes services which require special education and/or training, license to practice or are creative in nature. Examples of professional services are: lawyers, doctors, accountants, engineers, artists, etc.

b. Emergency Situation – An emergency exists if the delay caused by soliciting quotes would endanger the health, welfare or property of the municipality or of the citizens. With approval by the President/CEO such emergency shall not be subject to competitive bidding or the procedures stated above.

c. Resolution Waiving Bidding Requirements – The Corporation may adopt a resolution waiving the competitive bidding requirements whenever it is determined to be impracticable.

d. Sole Source – Defined as a situation when there is only one possible source from which to procure goods and/or services and it is shown that the item needed has unique benefits, the cost is reasonable for the product offered and there is no competition available. In this situation, a request for a resolution waiving bidding requirements, as described above, is required.

e. Single Source – Defined as a situation in which, although two or more contractors can supply the required product or services, the corporation has determined that it is in its best interest to procure from a particular contractor or vendor without seeking competitive quotes or proposals due to overriding considerations; and for which the reasonableness of cost can be determined. Examples would include the following:

- The selected contractor has familiarity or previous experience with the particular project for which services are needed, helping to ensure continuity, effectiveness, and efficient completion;

- The corporation has a specific design or specification for which it feels the selected contractor is best suited to deliver;
- The corporation needs maintenance for a particular piece of equipment, and that maintenance must be provided by a particular vendor to maintain the warranty.

In any case where a single source contract is awarded, the corporation shall document in the procurement record the circumstances leading to the selection of the vendor, including the alternatives considered, the rationale for selecting the specific vendor and the basis upon which it determined the cost was reasonable.

f. True Lease – Prices will be obtained through quotations whenever possible. The award shall be made on the basis of goods and/or services to be provided, ability to meet the specifications desired and price.

g. Insurance – All insurance policies shall be procured in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) Premium less than \$10,000 – documented telephone quotations from at least three agents (if available).

(2) Premium over \$10,001 – written quotations/fax or proposals from at least three agents (if available)

10. Minority and Women Business Enterprises – It is the goal of the Corporation to provide opportunities for the purchase of goods and services from certified minority and/or women-owned business enterprises (“M/WBE”). To that end, the Corporation shall use its best efforts to solicit bids and proposals from such businesses by utilizing available lists of M/WBE firms certified with the County of Jefferson and/or the State of New York and by notifying them of opportunities to submit proposals and/or bids for goods or services when practical. Such certified M/WBE firms will be provided sufficient time to submit proposals and/or bids in response to any solicitations.
11. Input from members of the Corporation – Comments concerning the procurement policy shall be solicited from the members of the Corporation from time to time.

12. Annual Review – the Corporation shall annually review its policies and procedures.
13. Unintentional Failure to Comply – The unintentional failure to comply with the provisions of this policy shall not be grounds to void action taken or give rise to a cause of action against the Corporation or any officer thereof.