

Onondaga County Executive Department

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DANIEL HAMMER Director

May 10, 2022

RE: Division of Purchase Buy Local Procedures

To all whom it may concern,

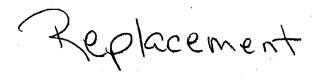
In an effort to support Onondaga County and New York businesses and residents, and in accordance Resolution 157-17 (attached to Division of Purchase website), for any discretionary purchases up to \$20,000 for commodities and \$35,000 for public works, the Division of Purchase will deploy a weighting mechanism for awarding non-competitive purchases.

Preference should be given to local firms, identifying at least 3 local firms for quoting when possible.

Therefore, local vendors that are within 20% of a low, non-local vendor can be awarded the work at the discretion of the Purchasing Director or their designee.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hammer **Purchasing Director**



November 6, 2017

Motion Made By Mr. McMahon, Mr. Jordan, Mr. May, Mrs. Ervin, Dr. Chase, Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING LOCAL AND AMERICAN BUSINESSES AND MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN COUNTY CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, Onondaga County has a history of supporting local businesses and this Legislature finds it to be in the best interests of the County's residents to conduct its procurement activities in a way that maximizes opportunities for participation in the County's contracts by such businesses; and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County plays a large part in economic development within the region, and this Legislature finds that promoting locally-owned and New York State businesses would increase local economic activity throughout the region, and subsequently generate additional sales tax revenues which would assist in alleviating fiscal and budgetary constraints currently experienced by Onondaga County; and

WHEREAS, to support Onondaga County and New York businesses and residents, the Onondaga County Legislature adopts this legislation requesting the Purchasing Director to take steps as may be reasonably necessary, and consistent with all applicable provisions of law regarding public contracts, to enact procurement policies which maximize opportunities for participation in the County's contracts by local and state businesses, while continuing to optimize quality, cost and efficiencies in the best interest of the taxpayers; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that for all discretionary Purchase Contracts up to a maximum sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and Public Works Contracts up to a maximum sum of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000), which are not subject to mandatory bidding provisions provided by General Municipal Law Section 103 or contracts which are awarded on the basis of "Best Value", the Division of Purchase shall devise internal policies consistent with the following:

- a. Procurement activities for goods and services to be utilized by Onondaga County will be conducted in a way that maximizes opportunities for participation in the County's contracts by local businesses, where the term "local businesses" is to be broadly construed so as to include individuals or corporations that provide goods or services with offices located in Onondaga County, the adjacent counties, New York State, and the United States of America, considered in that order to the extent practicable;
- b. The Division of Purchase is to devise a mechanism for assigning weight to and considering a business' local presence in the context of a purchasing decision, accounting for other factors as may be relevant to such procurement activity, with any such criteria to be made known at the time of the solicitation released;
- c. To the greatest extent practicable under the circumstances, solicitations for bids, offers, quotes, and proposals shall be made available to all local businesses reasonably known to offer the good or service sought by the County through its procurement activities, with such solicitations intended to be in addition to any required advertisement or public notice; and

d. Specifications within such solicitations shall be drafted to promote utilization of local businesses, including prime contractors and anticipating the use of subcontractors, consistent with applicable provisions of law regarding public contracts, including General Municipal Law Article 5-a, while assuring the prudent and economical use of public monies, facilitating the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and guarding against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

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CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK