

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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PROCUREMENT POLICY

A. Introduction

1. Scope – In accordance with the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005, as amended by Chapter 506 of the Laws of 2009 of the State of New York, the St. Lawrence County Property Development Corporation (the “Corporation”) is required to adopt procurement policies that will apply to the procurement of goods and services not subject to the competitive bidding requirements the New York State General Municipal Law and paid for by the Corporation for its own use and account.

2. Purpose – The primary objectives of this policy are to assure the prudent and economical use of public monies in the best interests of the taxpayers of a political subdivision or district, 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.

3. The designated Contracting Officer (“CO”) shall be the Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee for specific contracts.

B. Procurement Policy

Any purchase/contract for goods or services with an expenditure in excess of Five thousand (\$5,000) must adhere to the following:

Definitions:

best value - the basis for awarding all service purchases/contracts to the offerer which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible offerers. Such basis shall be, whenever possible, quantifiable.

responsible - Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the offerers' qualifications, financial stability and integrity.

responsive - Applies to the extent to which the offer has complied with the specifications or requirements of the solicitation for goods or services.

1) For the purchase of goods, proposals must be requested from a minimum of three (3) offerers. The lowest responsible, responsive bidder shall be accepted unless it is otherwise in the best interest of the Corporation, as justified in writing by the Contracting Officer of the Corporation. Such justification must be maintained in the procurement record.

2) For purchases of services, proposals must be requested from a minimum of three (3) offerers. The best value bidder shall be accepted unless it is otherwise in the best interest of the Corporation, as justified in writing by the Contracting Officer of the Corporation. Such justification must be maintained in the procurement record.

3) The requirement for competitive bidding may be waived upon prior written approval of the Contracting Officer provided that prior to the acceptance of such goods or services, a written statement is prepared describing the justification for waiving competitive bidding and the reasonableness of the proposed expenditure.

Purchase Contracts	Requirements
Under \$5,000	CO Approval
\$5,001 - \$15,000	3 Written Quotes
\$15,001 or more	See Reference Notes A & B
Emergencies	See Reference Notes C
Insurance	See Reference Notes D
Professional Services	See Reference Notes E

Reference Notes:

- A: All purchases of over \$15,000 require advertised request for proposals.
- B: All expenditures over \$15,000 require Local Authority Board approval even if a budget line item has been previously adopted for such expenditure.
- C: Even in the case of an emergency, public interest dictates that purchases are made at the lowest possible costs, seeking competition by informal solicitation of quotes or otherwise to the extent practicable under the circumstance. Documentation must be made showing the method and extent of competition.

Emergency provisions (goods and services) can be an exception to the RFP and competitive process if they must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternate proposals may threaten the life, health, safety, property or welfare of the Local Authority.
- D: Insurance coverage is not subject to formal competitive bidding. Requests for Proposals, written or verbal quotations can serve as documentation of the process.
- E: Professional Services involve specialized expertise, use of professional judgment, and/or a high degree of creativity. They are not purchase contracts or contracts for public work, as those phrases are used in the bidding statutes, and therefore are not subject to the competitive bidding procedures. The individual or company may be chosen based on qualifications to include, but not limited to, reliability, skill, education and training, experience, demonstrated effectiveness, judgment and integrity. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price.

Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Accounting (CPA)
- Architectural / Design Services
- Customized Software Programming Services
- Consultants
- Engineering
- Instructors / Teachers / Training
- Insurance Coverage and/or Insurance Broker
- Investment Management Services
- Laboratory Testing
- Legal
- Medical / Dental Services

Contracts for professional services are made in the best interest of the Local Authority, utilizing Requests for Quotations (RFQ), Requests for Proposals (RFP) or other competitive process. The process may consider inclusive factors such as price, staffing and suitability for needs, reliability, skill, education and training, experience, demonstrated effectiveness, judgment and integrity, and must include negotiations on a fair and equal basis.

Approved and adopted this 21st day of December, 2021.