

K. FORMAL BID AWARDS

The Purchasing Director and the user department director, if applicable, shall recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the award of all formal sealed bids. Only the Board of County Commissioners shall award such bids in a public meeting.

L. CANCELLATION OR REJECTION OF BIDS OR PROPOSALS

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to cancel any outstanding formal sealed bids prior to the opening of the bids and also reserves the right, after the bid opening but prior to the award of a bid, to reject, in whole or in part, any bids or proposals. Any cancellations or rejections should be consistent with these procurement policies and procedures.

M. CHANGE ORDERS

The County may make written changes to the plans, specifications, scheduling, and performance period of any contract. However, any changes that increase the total dollar amount of the original contract or makes a material change to the scope of the project shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners in a public meeting.

N. EMERGENCY PURCHASES

An emergency purchase is one in which a situation exists where inventory, supplies, equipment, etc. are depleted and would hamper County operations or a when a threat to public health, safety, or property exist and goods or services are needed. Emergency purchases are allowed when using the procedures in Section III

O. VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Any potential vendor desiring to conduct business with the County shall adhere to vendor relations requirements included in Subsection III of this document.

P. NO LOCAL BIDDER PREFERENCE

No provisions are made in these policies for dollar, or percentage, or other types of preferential considerations for in-County vendors or contractors. It is, however, the policy of the County to solicit bids from County based suppliers whenever and wherever such competitive County sources exist, and where no sacrifice or loss in price or quality would result. In the event of a tie bid between an in-County vendor and an out-of-County vendor, the award will be made to the in-County vendor if all factors, including price, quality, terms, and delivery are determined to be equal. When evaluating bids, local service will be a consideration.

Q. SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY

COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

Annually, or on an "as needed" basis, the Board of County Commissioners, in a public meeting, may declare unneeded County equipment and vehicles as surplus County property and authorize the County Administrator to dispose of the surplus County equipment through public auction or formal seal bids.

Local Bidder Preference by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Local Bidder Preference Amount
Gordon County	None
Floyd County	None
Gwinnett County	None
Fayette County	None
Burke County	1%
Brooks County	3%
Jefferson County	3%
Dawson County	3% for items under \$100,000
Houston County	3% for items under \$150,000
Whitfield County	4%
Wayne County	5% for items under \$100,000
Bulloch County	5%
Sumter County	5%
Cherokee County	5% for items from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000
Bartow County	5%
Rockdale County	5%
Forsyth County	5% (renewed annually)

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