

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08

November 17, 2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT POLICY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Castroville Community Services District hereby authorizes adoption of a Procurement Policy as follows:

Procurement Policy

The policy set forth in this document establishes standards and guidelines for the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services to ensure that they are obtained as economically as possible through an open and competitive process, and that contracts are managed with good administrative practices and sound business judgment.

Code of Conduct

A Code of Conduct shall govern the performance, behavior and actions of the Organization, including Board members, employees, directors, volunteers, or agents who are engaged in any aspect of procurement, including – but not limited to – purchasing goods and services; awarding contracts and grants; or the administration and supervision of contracts.

1. No employee, officer, director, volunteer or agent of the Organization shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a bid or contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest is real or apparent to a reasonable person.
2. Conflicts of interest may arise when any employee, officer, director, volunteer or agent of the Organization has a financial, family or any other beneficial interest in the vendor firm selected or considered for an award.
3. No employee, officer, director, volunteer or agent of the Organization shall do business with, award contracts to, or show favoritism toward a member of his/her immediate family, spouse's family or to any company, vendor or concern who either employs or has any relationship to a family member; or award a contract or bid which violates the spirit or intent of Federal, State and local procurement laws and policies established to maximize free and open competition among qualified vendors.
4. The Organization's employees, officers, directors, volunteers or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, gifts, consulting fees, trips, favors or anything having a monetary value from a vendor, potential vendor, or from the family or employees of a vendor, potential vendor or bidder; or from any party to a sub-agreement or ancillary contract.

5. As permitted by law, rule, policy or regulation, the Organization shall pursue appropriate legal, administrative or disciplinary action against an employee, officer, director, volunteer, vendor or vendor's agent who is alleged to have committed, has been convicted of or pled no contest to a procurement related infraction. If said person has been convicted, disciplined or pled no contest to a procurement violation, said person shall be removed from any further responsibility or involvement with grants management, procurement actions or bids, consistent with State or Federal policy.

Solicitation and Competition

All procurement transactions will be conducted to provide free and open competition among suppliers. The Organization must begin with an analysis of the need for the procurement, to avoid the purchase of unnecessary items (this may include an examination of lease versus purchase alternatives). The purchaser must then identify and clearly specify standards for the goods or services desired and seek competitive offers where possible to obtain the best possible quality at the best possible price.

In general:

- Some form of cost or price analysis shall be made and documented in the procurement files in connection with every procurement action over the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (now \$25,000) *(or less depending on the organization's approved procurement policies)*. Price analysis may be accomplished in various ways, including the comparison of price quotations submitted and market prices, together with discounts.
 - Micropurchases – For purchases less than \$10,000, no formal solicitation is required as long as cost is reasonable.
 - Small Purchases – For purchases less than the Simplified Acquisition threshold *(or less if the organization's approved threshold is less)*, 3 written or telephone quotes but no formal solicitations are required from qualified sources.
 - For procurements that exceed the Federal "small purchase" threshold (the current federal threshold is currently \$25,000 *(but this threshold is the organization's approved threshold or the federal, whichever is less.)*)
 - Sealed Bids are the preferred procurement method for construction. They must be publicly advertised and publicly opened and awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.
 - Competitive bids will be utilized and requests for proposals will be written in a way that does not restrict competition. Contracts will be awarded to the responsible business offering the best value. (A clear and accurate written description of the technical requirements for the material, product or service to be procured; all requirements which offerors must fulfill; and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.)
 - Noncompetitive proposals are acceptable only in the following situations:
 - The product or service is available only from a single source;
 - There were insufficient number of responses received;
 - In emergency or exigent circumstances;
 - The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity.
 - Procurement files must include the following:

- Basis of award cost or price.
- The Organization will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, local business, and labor surplus area firms are used.

Selection

Price should be one of the factors in the evaluation of responses, but the Organization is not required to take the lowest price if other factors are important to the decision.

- There should be an objective method for selection, and any factors for evaluation and selection should be listed in the procurement documents.
- Awards shall be made to the bidder or offeror whose bid is responsive to the solicitation and is most advantageous to the Organization (price, quality and other factors considered).
- A bid may be rejected when it is in the Organization's interest to do so.

Documentation

- Procurement records will detail the history of each procurement including:
 - Rationale for the method of procurement
 - Executed price sampling for small purchases;
 - Rationale for selected type of contract to be used;
 - Determined which bids or proposals to accept and which to reject; and
 - Determined the basis for the contract cost or price.

Contract Administration

The Organization has an overall system of contract administration to ensure proper oversight and management of procurement actions. The Organization is responsible for evaluating contractor performance and documenting, as appropriate, whether contractors have met the terms, conditions and specifications of the contract. This may include progress inspections, interim products, inspection of goods delivered, and other such methods that provide assurance that the goods or services purchased are being delivered within the scope of the contract.

The Organization's contract administration system must ensure that:

- The method of procurement is documented and records maintained for five years after final payment is made;
- All activities are carried out and costs are incurred in compliance with applicable requirements; and
- Before payment is made, services performed are adequate and consistent with the contract scope of services.

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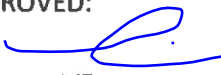
AYES: Directors: Ochran, Dania, Padilla, Stefani & Melgoza

NOES: Directors: Ø

ABSENT: Directors: 9

ATTEST:


Lidia Santos, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:


Board Designee

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

1. That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Castroville Community Services District and
2. That the foregoing constitutes a Resolution of the Board of said corporation, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held on the 17th day of November, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 17th day of November, 2020.



Lidia Santos

Lidia Santos
Board Secretary,
Castroville Community Services District

*(AFFIX YOUR
CORPORATE SEAL
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