



PROCUREMENT POLICY

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY. The purpose of this procurement policy (the “Policy”) is to outline the procurement policy of the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) pursuant to Section 858-a(1) of Title One of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law (the “Act”) applicable to procurements of goods and services paid for by the Agency for its own use and benefit.

SECTION 2. SECURING GOODS AND SERVICES. All goods and services will be secured by use of written request for proposals, written quotations, verbal quotation, or any other method that assures that goods will be purchased at the lowest price and that favoritism will be avoided except for in the following circumstance: Purchases costing less than \$3,000; goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped pursuant to Section 175-b of the State Finance Law; goods purchased from correctional institutions pursuant to Section 186 of the Correction Law; Purchases under state contracts pursuant to Section 104 of the General Municipal Law; Purchases under county contracts pursuant to Section 103(3) of the General Municipal Law; or Purchases pursuant to subdivision 4 of this Policy.

SECTION 3. METHOD OF PURCHASE. The following method of Purchase will be used when required by this Policy in order to achieve the highest savings:

<u>Estimated Amount of Purchase Contract</u>	<u>Method</u>
\$3,000.01 - \$4,999.99	2 verbal quotations
\$5,000 and above (Except for vehicle purchases)	2 written quotation or written request for proposals if within the County, and 3 written quotations or written request for proposals if seeking outside of County
Vehicle Purchase	Vehicle purchases will be at direction of the Board.

<u>Estimated Amount of Construction Works Contract</u>	<u>Method</u>
\$3,000.01 - \$2,999.99	2 Verbal quotations
\$5,000 and above	2 written quotations

(B) Number of Proposals or Quotations. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.

(C) Documentation. Documentation is required of each action taken in connection with each procurement. Documentation and an explanation are required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible bidder. This documentation will include an explanation of

how the reward will achieve savings or how the bidder was not responsible. A determination that the bidder is not responsible shall be made by the purchaser and may not be challenged under any circumstances.

SECTION 4. CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE SOLICITATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS AND QUOTATIONS NOT IN BEST INTEREST. Pursuant to Section 104-b(2)(f) of the General Municipal Law, this Policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurements for which, in the sole discretion of the members of the Agency, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the Agency. In the following circumstances, it may not be in the best interests of the Agency to solicit quotations or document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:

- (A) Professional Services. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual, company or firm must be chosen based on accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, conflict of interests, reputation, education and training, judgement, integrity, continuity of service and moral worth. Furthermore, certain professional services to be provided to the Agency, e.g., legal and accounting services, impact liability issues of the Agency and its members, including securities liability in circumstances where the Agency is issuing bonds. These qualifications and the concerns of the Agency regarding its liability and the liability of its members are not necessarily found or addressed in the individual, company or firm that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures.

In determining whether a service fits into this category, the Agency shall take into consideration the following guidelines: (a) whether the services are subject to state licensing or testing requirements; (b) whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and (c) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and the members of the Agency. Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of an attorney (including bond counsel); services of a physician; technical services of an engineer engaged to prepare plans, maps and estimates; securing insurance coverage and/or services of an insurance broker; services of a certified public accountant; investment management services; printing services involving extensive writing, editing or art work; management of Agency-owned property; and computer software or programming services for customized programs, or services involved in substantial modification and customizing of pre-packaged software.

- (B) Emergency Purchases. It is recognized that the agency is the owner of property and buildings, and that there may occur events that require emergency services, such as broken pipes, loss of heat, electricity, water, significant weather events. Emergency purchases pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternate proposals if time permits.
- (C) Purchase of Secondhand Goods. Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods from any source. If alternate proposals are required, the Agency is precluded from purchasing surplus and second-hand goods at auctions or through specific advertised sources where the best prices are usually obtained. It is also difficult to try to compare prices of used goods and a lower price may indicate an older product.
- (D) Goods or Services under \$1,000. The time and documentation required to Purchase through this policy may be more costly than the item itself and would therefore not be in the best interests of the agency. In addition, it is not likely that such de minimis contracts would be awarded based on favoritism.

SECTION 5. POLICY REVIEW. This Policy will be reviewed annually by the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency meeting, which includes the Board's annual review of the agency audit or the regularly scheduled meeting immediately thereafter.

SECTION 6. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN. (A) All Agency documents soliciting bids or proposals for Agency contracts shall contain or make reference to the following provisions.

1. The Agency will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. For purposes of this Section, affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and
2. The Agency shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance for the Agency contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

(B) Any contract awarded by the Agency will include the provision of subsection (A) of this section in any subcontract, in such a manner that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Agency contract.

(C) The provisions of this Section shall not be binding upon contractors or subcontractors in the performance of work or the provision of services or any other activity that are unrelated, separate or distinct from the Agency contract as expressed by its terms.

(D) In the implementation of this Section, the Agency shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity with effectuates the purpose of this Section. The Agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the Agency shall waive the applicability of this Section to the extent of such duplication or conflict.

(E) The Agency shall ensure that the "certified businesses" (as defined in Section 310 of the Executive Law of the State of New York) shall be given the opportunity for meaningful participation in businesses may best bid to actively and affirmatively promote and assist their participation in the performance of Agency contracts as to facilitate the award of a fair share of Agency contracts to such business.

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