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I. PURPOSE

Procurement Policy – To allow the City to acquire, on a competitive basis, all goods and services at the best value possible and to operate in a manner that maximizes the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by and for the City.

Contract Management Policy – To allow for the City to manage all contracts, and change orders associated with all contracts, in a manner that maximizes the effectiveness and efficiency of those contracts and change orders while ensuring adequate internal controls are followed.

II. POLICY

This policy establishes a Purchasing Office, Purchasing Manager and a contract management process. The Purchasing Office will have the responsibility to institute and maintain an effective and economical program for the purchase of goods and services. The Purchasing Manager, acting as a representative of the Mayor and reporting to the Finance Director, will ensure the proper and efficient administration of this program, and monitor compliance with these procedures, rules and regulations throughout City operations.

The purpose of the purchasing program is to enable departments to acquire needed equipment, materials, supplies and services of suitable quality for the purpose intended from the lowest priced responsible and responsive bidder while enhancing competition and providing fair opportunity and equitable treatment for all vendors.

This will be accomplished by utilizing a combined effort between City departments and the Purchasing Office. The Purchasing Office will concentrate efforts on standardizing and centralizing purchases of common use items among all departments while enlisting individual departments' expertise in purchasing specialized items unique to their departments. When purchasing these specialized items, the individual department becomes responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this policy are followed.

D. STANDARD CONTRACTS

When the Purchasing Manager has standardized the purchasing of a good or service and has issued standard purchase orders or contracts for these goods or services, such goods or services shall be purchased from the agreed upon vendor for the length of the agreement. Exceptions will be made only when the requisition clearly states the reason for which the standard item is unacceptable.

E. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Purchasing Manager and other authorized City personnel shall have authority to join with other units of government, with quasi-government agencies funded in whole or in part by the City, and with other purchasing associations in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interest of the City would be served.

Competitively bid cooperative purchasing contracts onto which the City "piggybacks" must contain language specifically allowing participation by other government agencies. They are considered to have met competitive requirements, and no additional quotes are necessary. Additionally, if identical products can be obtained at a lower price than current cooperative purchasing contracts, no additional quotes are required.

F. PURCHASING FROM GOVERNMENT UNITS

Materials, supplies, machinery and equipment offered for sale by the federal or state government or by any municipality may be purchased without bids at prices to be agreed upon between the Purchasing Manager and the respective department for which the item is to be acquired. Expert assistance for appraisal of such items may be employed at the discretion of the Purchasing Manager.

G. SOLE SOURCE

Purchases of goods or services under \$25,000 may be made without competition when it is agreed in advance between the department and the Purchasing Office that there is a valid reason to purchase from one source or that only one source is available.

For sole source purchases over \$2,000 but less than \$7,500, the department shall obtain verbal approval from the Purchasing Office, and document the reasons and agreement at the department level. The Purchasing Manager may suggest or assist in locating additional competitive sources.

- (1) For sole source purchases over \$7,500 but less than \$25,000, a written justification shall be forwarded to the Purchasing Manager, who will either concur with the sole source or assist in locating additional competitive sources.

- (2) Any sole source purchase of \$25,000 or more must have a recommendation by the Committee of Jurisdiction and an approval of the Common Council.
- (3) The use of the sole source exception to the competitive bidding process will expire on an annual basis.
- (4) A sole source purchase may be allowed when a needed item becomes available on a one-time basis at an “exceptionally advantageous” price. The buyer must be able to show that the purchase price of the item presents a unique and temporary opportunity for significant savings relative to its market value. Examples include auctions, used equipment offerings, liquidations, etc. Approval procedures G.(1) through G.(3) above still apply.

H. EMERGENCY PURCHASES

Any City department or agency may purchase in the open market, without filing a requisition or estimate, or receiving competitive bids, any supplies, materials or equipment for immediate delivery to meet emergencies arising from unforeseen causes. The following situations constitute an emergency under this provision of the policy:

- (1) Any situation in which there exists immediate and substantial danger to the health, life or property of any person or any situation in which there exists potential for increased damage to City property if the situation is not immediately remedied;
- (2) Any situation where the normal operation of any City department or Agency is seriously impaired or is in jeopardy of being seriously impaired; or
- (3) When the Mayor’s Office declares an emergency.

I. PURCHASE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS

The Purchasing Manager will ensure that the average recycled content of all paper purchased by the City measured as a proportion, by weight, of the fiber content of all paper products purchased in the year is not less than those percentages specified in Wisconsin Statute §66.0131(3)(a)(2).

J. PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase orders should be issued for all purchases of goods and services unless such payment is covered by an existing contract or other agreement. However,