

The City of Lawrence has adopted the following local purchasing preference policy.

ARTICLE 17. LOCAL PURCHASING PREFERENCE POLICY

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DEFINITIONS

Local business entity, as used in this article, shall mean any person, firm, corporation or other business entity complying with all of the following requirements:

- (A) The business entity must have established a permanent place of business within the city limits of Lawrence at least six (6) months prior to the submittal of a bid; and
- (B) The place of business must be a location whose principal use is for business purposes, shall not be a post office box, and shall not be within or part of a residential location including, but not limited to, a home, residence, hotel or motel; and
- (C) The business entity shall not have any outstanding liens, fines or unsatisfied final judgments with the City of Lawrence.

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CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

A business entity shall claim in writing at the time of bid submittal that it meets the definition of "local business entity." City staff shall attempt to verify whether the business entity meets the definition of a "local business entity" set forth in this Article. If City staff cannot conclusively verify that the business entity is a "local business entity" as defined in this Article, the preference shall not apply.

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LOCAL PREFERENCE

The governing body of the City of Lawrence may, at its sole discretion, award one of the following local preferences:

- (A) A responsible bid from a local business entity that is no more than one percent (1%) and no more than \$10,000 higher than the lowest responsible bid may be preferred over the lowest responsible bid; or
- (B) If all aspects of a responsible bid from a local business entity are equal to the responsible bid from a non-local business entity, the local business entity may be preferred.

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APPLICABILITY OF THE LOCAL PREFERENCE

- (A) Any local preference awarded by the governing body of the City pursuant to this Article shall only apply to bids equal to or greater than \$15,000.
- (B) The local preference shall not apply to bids in which federal funds or other funds are used that prohibit the application of the preference.
- (C) The local preference shall not apply to bids for the construction or reconstruction of any sidewalk, curb, gutter, bridge, pavement, sewer or any other public improvement of any street, highway, public grounds, or public building or facility, or any other kind of public improvement commenced or ordered by the governing body.
- (D) The local preference shall not apply to cooperative purchasing agreements or contracts in which the City participates. These agreements or contracts may be subject to review by the governing body.