

**MEETING DATE: 04/15/19**

**ITEM: 10E**

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Subject: Updating Federal procurement policies**

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### **Background Summary:**

I recently received an email from a gal that works for the Iowa Department of Homeland Security about updating our procurement policies to incorporate recent changes to Federal requirements that were effective December 2017. She has been working her way through the state to get all the cities and counties updated so that when a disaster strikes, these policies are already in place for FEMA. She is now in Floyd County working all of the cities and the county. These will not change our own local procurement policy, it just details federal requirements. She has provided us with sample policies that all of the cities and counties are adopting.

I've attached the policy for your review. If you have any questions, please try to ask me prior to the meeting so I can contact Christine if necessary. Thank you!

We recommend approval of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 50-19**

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RE:  
FEMA PROCUREMENT POLICIES*

WHEREAS, the City in the past has participated in FEMA assistance programs through the Federal and State governments , and

WHEREAS, the City deems it necessary and desirable to adopt certain policies and procedures regarding FEMA events to be in compliance with recent changes in regulations for procurement under this program, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed policies and procedures Re: FEMA procurement is attached as Exhibit A, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the city of Charles City, as follows:

Section 1. The FEMA procurement policies and procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and shall be dated as of the date hereof.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBER        moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution;

COUNCIL MEMBER seconded the motion to adopt, and on roll call the voting was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

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Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

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Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk

# City of Charles City SUPPLEMENT TO PROCUREMENT POLICY

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Supplement to Procurement Policy is to ensure that sound business judgement is utilized in all procurement transactions involving FEMA federal funds and that supplies, equipment, construction and services are obtained efficiently and economically and in compliance with applicable federal and state law and executive orders and to ensure that all procurement transactions will be conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition. These procedures will ensure that all solicitations incorporate clear and accurate descriptions of the technical requirements for the goods or services being procured. Chapter 26 and Section 331.341 of the Iowa Code will be followed on all applicable purchases. All other appropriate sections of the Iowa Code shall also apply.

## **APPLICATION**

This policy is limited to procurement involving FEMA federal funds. This policy is intended to supplement (and not otherwise replace or amend) any existing procurement policies of the City. In regard to any such federal FEMA programs, all procurement will be done in accordance with 2 CFR; Part 200. Chapter 26 and Section 331.341 of the Iowa Code will be followed on all applicable purchases. All other appropriate sections of the Iowa Code shall also apply. When federal requirements conflict with local or state requirements, the federal requirement, or most restrictive requirement will be followed.

## **POLICY**

### **METHODS OF PROCUREMENT**

Procurement under grants shall be made by one of the following methods, as described herein: (a) small purchase procedures; (b) sealed bids (formal advertising); (c) competitive proposals; (d) noncompetitive proposals.

- A. Micro-Purchase Procedures 200.320(a)
  - i. The acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold - \$10,000 (200.67)
  - ii. To the extent practicable, must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers
  - iii. May be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable
- B. Small Purchase Procedures 200.320(b)
  - i. Are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that does not cost more than the simplified acquisition threshold - \$250,000 (200.88)
  - ii. Price or rate quotations are to be obtained from an “adequate number” of qualified sources
- C. Sealed Bidding (formal advertising) 200.320(c)
  - i. Lowest priced, responsive, responsible, bidder WINS
  - ii. The preferred method for construction when sealed bidding is “feasible”, which is when certain conditions are present
  - iii. Bids must be solicited from an “adequate number of known suppliers”, providing them sufficient response time before date for the opening of bids
  - iv. Bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids
  - v. Must publicly advertise the invitation for bids

- vi. Bids must be opened publicly
- vii. Other procedural requirements at 200.320(c)(2)
- D. Competitive Proposals 200.320(d)
  - i. Used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids
  - ii. The appropriate method when more than one source is expected to submit an offer and either a fixed-price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded
  - iii. Awards will be made to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with *price* and other factors considered
  - iv. Requests for proposals *must be publicized* and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance
  - v. Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources
  - vi. Must have written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selection of the contract
- E. Noncompetitive Proposals 200.320(f)
  - i. Procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:
    - a. **One Source:** the item is available only from a single source
    - b. **Exigency/Emergency:** an exigency or emergency will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation
    - c. **Awarding Agency Approval:** the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity
    - d. **Inadequate Competition:** after the solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate

#### CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (200.321)

- A. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- B. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- C. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- D. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- E. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- F. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (a) through (e).

#### CONTRACT PRICING (200.323)

- A. The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost method of contracting shall not be used.
- B. City of Charles City shall perform some form of cost/price analysis for every procurement action, including contract modifications, amendments, or change orders. City of Charles City shall make an independent estimate prior to receiving a bid or proposal.
- C. City of Charles City shall negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. In determining a fair and reasonable profit, City of Charles City must consider the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance and the industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area.

## PROCUREMENT RECORDS

City of Charles City shall maintain records sufficient to detail the significant history of a procurement, including the rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(200.324)

(a) City of Charles City must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition.

(b) City of Charles City must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity preprocurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) City of Charles City's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this Part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) City of Charles City is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this Part.

(1) City of Charles City may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) City of Charles City may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from City of Charles City that it is complying with these standards. City of Charles City must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

## AWARDED CONTRACTS

A. City of Charles City will not award a contract to a party listed as debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded in the System for Award Management (SAM).

[www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) (200.213)

B. Contracts awarded shall contain the applicable contract provisions described in 2 CFR 200.326 and Appendix II to Part 200.

C. City of Charles City will maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and must provide for disciplinary action to be applied for violations of such standards as defined in 2 CFR 200.318 (c) (1).

No officer, employee, or agent of the City of Charles City shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal grant funds, if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when:

The employee, officer, or agent:

Any member of his/her immediate family;

His/her partner; or

An organization which employs, or is about to employ any of the above;

has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

City of Charles City officers, employees, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or subcontractors.

To the extent permitted by federal, state, or local law or regulations, violation of these standards may cause penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions to be taken against City of Charles City's officers, employees, or agents.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

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Trudy O'Donnell, City clerk

Fraud Reporting Policy for all federal funds

2 CFR Part 200

200.113 Mandatory disclosures.

The non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outlined in Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in §200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment.

If a City department or employee learns of a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity potentially affecting a federal grant, the department or employee must report the violation to:

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\_\_\_\_\_ (list a position rather than a name as designee for the City)

The above named is/are responsible for reporting the violation to the relevant federal agency or pass-through agency in writing and in a timely manner.

Passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Signed

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Conflict of Interest Policy for federal funds

In addition to State of Iowa, and Local codes, applicable to Conflict of Interest, the following policy, pertaining to Federal Funds shall be applicable.

Per 2 CFR Part 200.112 Conflict of Interest

The Federal awarding agency must establish conflict of interest policies for Federal awards. The non-Federal entity must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal awarding agency policy.

And per 2 CFR Part 200.318 (c)(1) General Procurement Standards

The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest.

Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

To the extent permitted by federal, state, or local laws or regulations, violations of these standards may cause penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions to be taken against officers, employees, or agents.

Passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Designated Official

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