
TITLE 2

PROCUREMENT

CHAPTER 1 – PURPOSES AND POLICIES

2-1-1 PURPOSES AND POLICIES

- a. The purpose of this Policy is to provide for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in public procurement by Teton County, Wyoming; to maximize the purchasing value of public funds in procuring infrastructure construction and maintenance, goods, services and to provide safeguards for maintaining a procurement system of quality and integrity.

2-1-2 REQUIREMENT OF GOOD FAITH

- a. This Policy requires all parties involved in the negotiation, performance, or administration of Teton County contracts to act in good faith.

2-1-3 APPLICATION

- a. This policy applies only to contracts for goods and services; and the design, construction, routine operation, routine repair, and routine maintenance of Infrastructure Facilities solicited or entered into after the effective date of this Policy unless the parties agree to its application to a contract solicited or entered into prior to the effective date. It shall apply irrespective of the source of funds. Nothing in this Policy promulgated hereunder shall prevent Teton County from complying with the terms and conditions of any grant, gift, bequest, or cooperative agreement.

2-1-4 EFFECTIVE DATE

- a. The Policy shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

2-1-5 DEFINITIONS

- a. The words defined in Section 7 shall have the meanings set forth below whenever they appear in this Policy, unless;
 - i. the context in which they are used clearly requires a different meaning; or
 - ii. a different definition is prescribed for a particular section.

2-1-6 PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

- a. Procurement information shall be a public record to the extent provided in W.S. §16-4-202 and shall be available to the public as provided in such statute.

2-1-7 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS

- a. The use of electronic media, including acceptance of electronic signatures, is authorized consistent with the Wyoming's applicable statutory, regulatory or other guidance for use of such media so long as such guidance provides for:
 - i. Appropriate security to prevent unauthorized access to the bidding, approval, and award processes; and
 - ii. Accurate retrieval or conversion of electronic forms of such information into a medium which permits inspection and copying.
- b. Selection and implementation of electronic media, such as an online bidding system, will be determined by the Director of General Services.

CHAPTER 2 – PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

2-2-1 PROCUREMENT UP TO \$5,000 (TOTAL TO PAY)

- a. Goods or services that are included in the annual budget and valued below \$5,000 may be purchased or solicited without a bid process.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. An informal process may be used at the discretion of the Department Director or Elected Official by soliciting a minimum of three bids, and may be by written invitation, telephone, or email inquiry.
 - ii. Should the Department Director or Elected Official determine written specifications are needed, the Invitation to Bid Form – Goods, Services form shall be used.
 - iii. Purchases or services below \$5,000 do not require Board of County Commissioners approval.
 - iv. Bids sheets should be retained for one year.
- c. **Award.** Award shall be made to the responsible bidder whose response conforms to the solicitation and is determined to be the lowest and most responsible.

2-2-2 PROCUREMENT \$5,000 UP TO \$35,000 (TOTAL TO PAY)

- a. Goods or services that are included in the annual budget and valued between \$5,000 and \$35,000 shall be purchased or contracted through a competitive informal bid, request for proposal, or request for qualifications process.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff shall determine if a bid, request for proposal (RFP), or request for qualifications (RFQ), is appropriate. (Exhibit A)
 - ii. Once determined, Staff shall complete the Invitation to Bid Form – Goods, Services, RFP Form, or RFQ Form with necessary information.
 1. Each bid, request for proposal, or request for qualifications shall include contract or purchase terms and due date. Request for proposals and Request for qualifications shall include evaluation criteria.
 - iii. Completed forms shall be uploaded to the online bidding system.
 1. At least three bids or proposals shall be solicited.

- iv. All responses should be held confidential until the specified due date, no witnesses are required for review.
- v. Purchases or services between \$5,000 and \$35,000 do not require Board of County Commissioners approval unless a contract is required.
- vi. All responses should be retained for one year.

c. Award.

- i. Award for bids: Shall be made to the responsible bidder whose response conforms to the solicitation and is determined to be the lowest and most responsible.
- ii. Award for RFP or RFQ: Consideration of price and the evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals or qualifications shall be the determining factors. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.
- i. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made. Written notice of the award of a contract to the successful bidder or offeror shall be promptly given to all respondents. Once executed, the original contract shall be provided to the Clerk's Office for official record.

2-2-3 PROCUREMENT OVER \$35,000 (TOTAL TO PAY)

- a. Goods or services that are included in the annual budget and valued over \$35,000 shall be purchased or contracted through a competitive formal bid, request for proposal, or request for qualifications process.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff shall determine if a bid, request for proposal (RFP), or request for qualifications (RFQ) is appropriate. (Exhibit A)
 - ii. Once determined, Staff shall complete the Invitation to Bid Form – Goods, Services, RFP Form, or RFQ Form with necessary information.
 - 1. Each bid or request for proposal shall include contract or purchase terms, due date, and location.
 - 2. Request for proposals and qualifications shall include evaluation criteria.
 - iii. Each bid or request for proposal shall provide adequate Public Notice to include two weeks advertisement in an official local publication.
 - iv. Completed forms shall be uploaded to the online bidding system.
 - 1. At least three bids or proposals shall be solicited.
 - v. All responses should be held confidential until the specified due date.
 - vi. All bids or proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the Invitation for Bids/Request for Proposals or Qualifications. The amount of each response, and such other relevant information as may be specified by regulation, together with the name of each

bidder or offeror shall be recorded. The record of each response shall be open to public inspection.

- vii. All projects or purchases over \$35,000 require Board of County Commissioners approval.
- viii. All responses should be retained for one year.

c. Award.

- i. Award for bids: Shall be made to the responsible bidder whose response conforms to the solicitation and is determined to be the lowest and most responsible.
- ii. Award for RFP or RFQ: Consideration of price and the evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals or qualifications shall be the determining factors. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.
- ii. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made. Written notice of the award of a contract to the successful bidder or offeror shall be promptly given to all respondents. The original contract shall be provided to the Clerk's Office for official record.

2-2-4 EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- a. In the event of an unanticipated or emergency circumstance where repairs must be made immediately, and the expense exceeds \$5000, such purchase or contracts may be made based on availability of a responsible provider.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Verbal approval must be received from Department Director or Elected Official prior to purchase or contract approval.
 - ii. Emergency Purchase Notification Form of such procurement shall be completed within 5 business days and retained in the contract file.

2-2-5 SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

- a. A purchase or contract may be awarded for goods, services, or construction above \$5,000 without competition when the Department Director or Elected Official determines in writing that there is only one source for the required goods, services, or construction items. The Sole-Source Justification Form shall be completed and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff identifies purchase or contract for goods, services, or construction which should be sole sourced.

- ii. Staff completes Sole-Source Justification Form outlining the following:
 - 1. Specific reasons why the competitive bid/RFP process is not feasible.
 - 2. Specific reasons why the vendor has been chosen for the procurement.
 - 3. Reason the request should be approved.
- iii. The Sole-Source Justification Form is approved by Department Director or Elected Official.
- iv. Staff report is prepared and accompanied by the Sole-Source Justification form for review and approval from the Board.

2-2-6 VEHICLE PURCHASES

- a. The purchase or lease of a new automobile, truck, or SUV shall be purchased through a competitive formal bid and advertised regardless of cost. If there is an automobile, truck, or SUV for trade-in, it shall be included as a part of the advertisement and bid. The Invitation to Bid Form – Vehicle shall be used.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff identifies the need for the purchase of a new vehicle and funds are approved in the budget.
 - ii. Staff completes Invitation to Bid Form – Vehicle with necessary information. Upon request, General Services Department will provide vehicle specifications sheet based on type of vehicle to be purchased.
 - iii. Adequate Public Notice to include two weeks advertisement in an official local publication is required.
 - iv. Completed bid form shall be uploaded to the online bidding system.
 - v. All Bids should be held confidential until specified due date.
 - vi. All Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the Invitation for Bids. The amount of each bid, and such other relevant information as may be specified by regulation, together with the name of each bidder shall be recorded. The record of each bid shall be open to public inspection.
 - vii. All vehicle purchases require Board of County Commissioners approval.
 - viii. All responses should be retained for one year.
- c. **Award.**
 - i. Award shall be made to the responsible bidder whose response conforms to the solicitation and is determined to be the lowest and most responsible.
 - iii. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made. Written notice of the award of a contract to the successful bidder shall be promptly given

to all respondents. The original contract shall be provided to the Clerk's Office for official record.

2-2-7 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

- a. The purchase of all Information Technology (IT) equipment to include but not limited to; computers, laptops, tablets, and cellular phones, shall be requested and purchased through the Teton County Information Technology Division.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff identifies the need of IT equipment.
 - ii. Staff completes IT Purchase Request Form and submits to Teton County Information Technology Division.
 - i. Dependent upon estimated expense, IT Division shall follow procedure guidelines per Section 2-2-1 Procurement up to \$5,000, 2-2-2 Procurement \$5000 and up \$35,000, or 2-2-3 Procurement over \$35,000.

2-2-8 PROCUREMENT OF FURNITURE AND MOVEABLE EQUIPMENT

- a. Specifications addressing performance standards and functional requirements shall be determined by Teton County. Teton County may specify suggested individual brands or manufacturers, provided that similar products that meet or exceed specifications and that have been approved by Teton County shall be accepted as substitute bid items. Specified products that are not available to any responsible Wyoming resident supplier shall not be used in any group or package within the bid documents which would exclude responsible Wyoming resident suppliers from submitting a bid on the final bid package. No person who was employed by Teton County to prepare the bid documents, whether with or without compensation, shall be eligible to bid on the final bid package. Requirements may be waived per W.S. 16-6-1001.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff shall follow procedure guidelines per Section 2-2-1 Procurement up to \$5,000, 2-2-2 Procurement \$5000 and up \$35,000, or 2-2-3 Procurement over \$35,000.

2-2-9 PUBLIC PRINTING CONTRACTS

- a. Whenever a contract is let by Teton County for public printing, including reports of officers and boards, pamphlets, blanks, letterheads, envelopes and printed and

lithographed matter of every kind and description whatsoever, the contract shall be let to the responsible resident making the lowest bid if the resident's bid is not more than ten percent (10%) higher than that of the lowest responsible nonresident bidder. Any successful resident bidder shall perform at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the contract within the state of Wyoming.

b. Procedure.

- i. Staff shall follow procedure guidelines per Section 2-2-1 Procurement up to \$5,000, 2-2-2 Procurement \$5000 and up \$35,000, or 2-2-3 Procurement over \$35,000.

2-2-10 PROCUREMENT USING FEDERAL FUNDS

- a. The following procurement policies and procedures will be applied when purchases are made using federal funds, to the extent that they do not conflict with or contradict the County policies. These policies are written to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. For all purchases using federal funds, it is expected that the County's ethics policy listed in Chapter 6 will be followed. In addition, all purchases will be made in accordance with federal requirements resulting in full and open competition, and it is expected that all vendors selected through these processes will be responsible, and have a proven track record of integrity, compliance with public policy, and successful past performance.

b. Procedure.

- i. The County shall obtain rate quotations for small purchases (\$3,500 - \$150,000) of supplies or services, sealed bids (state competitive bid threshold - \$150,000), or competitive proposals (> \$150,000) for goods and services, as specified by County policy and State law.
- ii. No price quotation is required for micro-purchases (purchases not exceeding \$3,500), but to the extent practicable, the County shall distribute these micro-purchases in an equitable fashion among qualified suppliers. The basis for considering and selecting a vendor must be documented and maintained in the vendor file. Evaluations related to micro-purchases will be performed every three years and any changes in vendor selection will be updated and maintained in the vendor and contract file.
- iii. For small purchases of supplies and services charged to federal grants (purchases over \$3,500 and under the competitive bid threshold of \$150,000), the County shall obtain an adequate number of qualified sources for rate quotations, but no cost or price analysis is required.
- iv. For construction projects that exceed the competitive bid threshold of \$150,000, the County must seek sealed construction bids based on clearly defined technical specifications. Of the bids that meet the technical specifications, the award is granted to the lowest bidder.
- v. Purchases over \$150,000 that are based on either a fixed price or cost reimbursement require a competitive proposal process through the issuance of a request for proposal

- that identifies the evaluation methods for the contact. However, responses to the RFP are not required to be sealed. Instead, the County will award the contract to a qualified vendor whose proposal is most advantageous to the federal program, with price and other factors considered, i.e., price is one of several quantitative and qualitative factors, and the basis for considering and selecting the vendor must be documented and maintained in the contract file.
- vi. If the competitive bid threshold issued by a federal or state agency differs with County policy, the lower threshold will be utilized.
 - 1. Contracts will be awarded to the responsible party whose proposal is most advantageous to the federal program from which funds are expended.
 - 2. The County may only use qualification-based methods, whereby competitor's qualifications are evaluated, and the most qualified competitor is selected.
 - vii. Solicitation from a sole source for purchases exceeding \$150,000 may only be used if one or more of these criteria are met: 1) the service or good provided is unique, 2) in the case of an emergency or, 3) if the federal agency authorizes it. The basis for considering and selecting the vendor must be documented and maintained in the contract file.
 - viii. When possible, contracts will be awarded to qualified vendors that are minority and women owned.

CHAPTER 3 – PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2-3-1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- a. When the anticipated contract will exceed \$5,000, Teton County will publicly announce all requirements for Professional Services (examples include but not limited to: Architectural, Engineering, and Consulting Services) and negotiate contract for services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of services required, and at fair and reasonable prices.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff completes Request for Qualifications (RFQ) form with necessary information.
 - ii. Notice for newspaper advertising of required services shall be published for a minimum of two weeks.
 - iii. The RFQ form shall be uploaded to the online bidding system.
 - iv. Each respondent shall submit a copy of the completed RFQ form and a fee proposal for this project.
 - v. All responses will be publicly opened at the time and location according to the information provided in the Request for Qualifications.
- c. **Award.**
 - i. Consideration of evaluation criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications shall be the determining factors.
 - ii. Award shall be made to the responsible respondent whose response conforms to the solicitation and is determined to be the most qualified.
 - iv. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made. Written notice of the award of a contract to the successful bidder shall be promptly given to all respondents. The original contract shall be provided to the Clerk's Office for official record.

CHAPTER 4 – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR MAINTENANCE OR RENOVATION

2-4-1 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

- a. When the anticipated contract is under \$5,000, a bid process is recommended but not required, when the anticipated contract is between \$5,000 and \$35,000, an informal bid process shall be followed, and when the anticipated contract will exceed \$35,000, Teton County will complete competitive formal bidding. This is applicable for all construction-related contracts to include but not limited to construction, routine operation, routine repair, and routine maintenance of infrastructure facilities and services for Teton County. Specifications for performance, design, a combination of performance and design, responsible products list, or brand name or equivalent must be included in the specifications. Additionally, the following requirements shall be met:
 - i. The contract shall be let to the responsible certified resident making the lowest bid if the certified resident's bid is not more than five percent (5%) higher than that of the lowest responsible nonresident bidder. Certification and requirements as to residency shall be directed in W.S. §16-6-102.
 - ii. A successful resident bidder shall not subcontract more than thirty percent (30%) of the work covered by his contract to nonresident contractors. W.S. §16-6-103. Resident bidder preference shall be subject to the effect, if any, of related laws of the United States and valid rules and regulations of federal agencies in charge, governing use and payment of federal funds. W.S. §16-6-108.
 - iii. Wyoming resident laborers shall be used on the public works project as delineated in W. S. §16-6-203.
- b. The original contract shall be provided to the Clerk's Office for official record and state retention schedules shall be followed for Capital Construction projects.

2-4-2 APPROVED PROJECT DELIVERY AND SELECTION METHODS

- a. The following project delivery methods and selection methods are authorized for procurements relating to the design, construction, routine operation, routine repair, and routine maintenance of facilities and services of Teton County as delineated by W. S. §16-6-707:
 - i. Design-bid-build through an Invitation to Bid;

- ii. Design-build through Request for Proposals;
- iii. Construction Manager Agent through Request for Proposals or Qualifications;

b. Procedure.

- i. Staff identifies the need for construction, routine operation, routine repair, and routine maintenance of infrastructure facilities and funds are approved in the budget.
- ii. Staff makes project delivery and method selection. See Definitions for further information.
- iii. Staff completes appropriate form with necessary information.
- iv. Adequate Public Notice to include two weeks advertisement in an official local publication is required.
- v. Completed form shall be uploaded to the online bidding system.
- vi. All responses should be held confidential until specified due date.
- vii. All responses shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the solicitation. The amount of each bid, and such other relevant information as may be specified by regulation, together with the name of each bidder shall be recorded. The record of each bid shall be open to public inspection.
- viii. All construction contracts require Board of County Commissioners approval.
- ix. All responses should be retained for one year.
- x. All contracts shall require the construction manager at risk or design builder to conduct an open bid process.

2-4-3 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK (CMAR)

- a. Services for Construction Manager at Risk shall be solicited when estimated construction costs exceed \$1,000,000. After a request for proposals or qualifications process, Teton County shall enter into a contractual agreement with selected construction manager for the construction work required but will retain the option to select a different construction manager after the completion of the preconstruction services or utilize a different selection and/or bidding process if deemed to be in the County's best interest. Staff may request approval from the Board of County Commissioners to perform in-house design and engineering when expertise is present.
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. Staff to complete Request for Proposals (RFP) or Qualifications (RFQ) form with necessary information.
 - ii. Notice for newspaper advertising of required services shall be published for a minimum of two weeks.

- iii. The RFP or RFQ form shall be uploaded to the online bidding system.
- iv. Each respondent shall submit a copy of the completed RFP or RFQ form.
- v. All responses will be publicly opened at the time and location according to the information provided in the Request for Proposals or Qualifications.
- vi. All responses should be retained for one year.

c. Award.

- v. Award shall be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal conforms to the solicitation and is determined to be the lowest and most responsible.
- vi. Upon selection of a successful bidder, Teton County will enter two separate contractual agreements during each phase:
 - 1. Preconstruction Phase – During this phase, the CM shall work with the Architect on design, constructability, costs, and schedule. Once the design phase has reached 90%, the CM will develop a Greatest Maximum Price.
 - 2. If agreement on the GMP is not reached, Teton County reserves the right to select a different CM.
 - 3. Upon agreement on the GMP, a contract for the Construction Phase is executed.
- vii. The original contract shall be provided to the Clerk’s Office for official record.

2-4-4- BID BONDS

- a. Bid bond shall be required for all construction, major maintenance, or renovation of any public building or other public work or improvement when the anticipated contract price exceeds \$100,000. Bid bond shall be a bond provided by a surety company, the equivalent in cash, or another form of financial guarantee satisfactory to Teton County. Bid bond shall be in an amount equal to 5% of the amount of the bid.

2-4-5 PERFORMANCE BONDS

- a. Per W.S.S. 16-6-112, When the anticipated contract price is between \$7,500 and \$150,000, any form of financial guarantee can be accepted. The Department Director or Elected Official shall determine a reasonable limit between 50% and 100% of contract price. Performance and Payment bonds shall be required for all construction, major maintenance, or renovation of any public building or other public work or improvement when the anticipated contract price exceeds \$150,000. The financial guarantee shall not be less than 100% of the contract price. The Board of County Commissioners may reduce the amount of performance and payment bonds to 50% upon request from County Staff.

2-4-6 POSTING AND PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

- a. Per W.S.S. 16-6-116, When any public work is let by contract the commission, board, or person under whose direction or supervision the work is being carried on and conducted and upon whose approval intermediate and final estimates are paid for the construction of the work, forty (40) days before the final estimate is paid, shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, published nearest the point at which the work is being carried on, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, and also to post in three (3) conspicuous places on the work, a notice setting forth in substance, that the commission, board or person has accepted the work as completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the contract between the commission, board or person and the contractor, and that the contractor is entitled to final settlement therefor. The notice shall also set forth that upon the 41st day (and the notice shall specify the exact date) after the first publication of the notice the commission, board or person under whose direction or supervision the work has been carried on will pay to the contractor the full amount due under the contract. This section does not relieve the contractor and the sureties on his bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the contract.

2-4-7 FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH AND PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR

- a. Per W.S.S. 16-6-117; In all formal contracts entered into by any person with Teton County for the construction of any public building, or the prosecution and completion of any public work, or for repairs upon any public building or public work, no final payment shall be made until the person files with the clerk of the county, a sworn statement setting forth that all claims for material and labor performed under the contract have been and are paid for the entire period of time for which the final payment is to be made. If any claim for material and labor is disputed the sworn statement shall so state, and the amount claimed to be due the laborer shall be deducted from the final payment and retained by Teton County until the determination of the dispute, either by judicial action or consent of the parties, and then paid by the agent or agency to the persons found entitled thereto.

2-4-8 VALUE ENGINEERING

- a. Once a construction contract has been awarded, Teton County shall not Value Engineer the design plans so much as to reduce the contract bid amount more than 5% without invalidating the contract.

2-4-9 MATERIAL PURCHASE BY OWNER

- a. Teton County may elect to directly purchase materials for a construction contract. Intention of purchase by Owner must be stated in the bid documents. Teton County shall bid materials purchase per this this policy.

CHAPTER 5 – ADMINISTRATIVE

2-5-1 CONTRACTS

- a. Contracts with an estimated cost more than \$5,000 shall be contracted through competitive bidding or RFP process, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Board. Any contract above \$5,000 that is not included in the annual budget must be approved by The Board. Bids for nonbudgeted contracts above \$5,000 may be solicited prior to approval, with the express understanding that award of the contract will depend upon approval by The Board. Unless otherwise provided by law a contract for supplies or services may be entered into for any period deemed to be in the best interests of Teton County, provided the term of the contract and conditions of renewal or extension, if any, are included in the solicitation and funds are available for the first fiscal period at the time of contracting. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. All contracts must be competitively bid or extended upon the original contract expiration date. Contracts may be extended or amended by written mutual agreement of the parties provided the original terms and conditions remain unchanged. The standard extension period for contracts is one (1) additional year. All extensions and amendments must be approved by The Board.

2-5-2 CONTRACT CLAUSES

- a. Contracts issued by Teton County shall contain clauses providing for adjustments in prices, time of performance, or other contract provisions, as appropriate, and covering the following subjects:
 - i. Right of Teton County to order in writing:
 1. Changes in the work within the scope of the contract; and
 2. Changes in the time of performance of the contract that do not alter the scope of the contract work;
 - ii. Variations occurring between estimated quantities of work in a contract and actual quantities; and
 - iii. Suspension of work ordered by Teton County; and
 - iv. Site conditions differing from those indicated in the contract, or ordinarily encountered, except that differing site conditions clauses need not be included in a contract:
 1. When the contract is negotiated;
 2. When the contractor provides the site or the design; or

3. When the parties have otherwise agreements with respect to the risk of differing site conditions.
- v. Price Adjustments.
- vi. Preference for Wyoming Materials
 1. Wyoming made materials and products, and Wyoming supplies of products and materials of equal quality and desirability shall have preference over materials or products produced or supplied outside the state and any contract let shall so provide. W.S. §16-6-104 and 16-6-105.

2-5-3 PREFERENCE TO TETON COUNTY AND WYOMING RESIDENT BIDDERS

- a. Teton County promotes and encourages the selection of projects and services to residents of Teton County and the State of Wyoming. For the purpose of award, out-of-state bids will be increased by 5%. Provided that proposed products and services are not of inferior quality to those offered by competitors outside of the State, award will be given to the lowest resident bid. State Bidders must provide their residency certification number from the Department of Workforce Services. Teton County Bidders must provide proof of residency for one year prior to submittal.

2-5-4 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING

- a. Teton County promotes and encourages the selection of products and services that have a lesser or reduced negative effect on health and the environment. Criteria for evaluation factors included in the Invitations to Bid or RFP should determine if the requested products or services are certified by Green Seal, Energy Star, EcoLogo,

2-5-5 CONTRACT APPROVAL

- a. All contracts, agreements, leases, or other documents that legally bind Teton County must be approved as to form and content by the County's Attorney's office prior to the Board's regular meeting. The Board must have an opportunity to review and approve such documents at a regular scheduled meeting. A legal advertisement notice for the execution of such document must be given in advance.

2-5-6 CHANGE ORDERS

- a. Change Orders that exceed the original contract amount must be approved, in writing, by The Board. Teton County may order in writing changes and/or extra work without invalidating the Contract. At the time of ordering such changes and/or extra work, the amount or method of compensation and any adjustment in the time of completion shall be determined and stipulated on a standard form provided by the General Services Department. Staff may request approval for contingency funding in addition to the contract amount or for additional powers to execute change orders that do not exceed 10% of total contract sum, to be granted to staff by resolution
- b. **Procedure.**
 - i. At contract award Staff may request approval from the Board for a contingency amount, not to exceed 10% of total contract sum.
 - ii. If approved, additional powers to the Elected Official or Department Director may be granted through a resolution.

2-5-7 CANCELLATION OF INVITATIONS FOR BIDS OR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

- a. An Invitation for Bids, a Request for Proposals, or other solicitation may be canceled, or any or all bids or proposals may be rejected in whole or in part as may be specified in the solicitation, when it is in the best interests of Teton County. The reasons therefore shall be made part of the contract file.

2-5-8 PRE-QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

- a. Prospective bidders may be prequalified for types of goods, services, and construction. Teton County staff shall request all potential bidders to complete a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) form. The form shall be obtained through the online bidding system and resubmitted via the same system for review by requesting Teton County Staff. Staff will evaluate all bidders per predetermined criteria. Bidders who meet required qualifications will be able to provide a bid. Remaining bidders shall be notified if they do not meet qualifying criteria.

2-5-9 INSURANCE

- a. The Contractor shall secure and maintain insurance coverage in such amounts as shall be required by Teton County, protecting him and indemnifying the County from claims pertaining to unemployment insurance, old age benefits, worker's compensation,

industrial accident, labor, or taxes of any kind. Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the County before commencing any of the work. All insurance coverage requirements shall be outlined in each contract for goods, services, and construction.

2-5-10 VENDOR OR SUPPLIER SUSPENSION

- a. The causes for suspension include the following:
 - i. Conviction for commission of criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;
 - ii. Conviction under State or Federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offence indication a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a Teton County contractor;
 - iii. Conviction under State or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals,
 - iv. Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regard to be so serious as to justify debarment action:
 1. Deliberate failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or
 2. A recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for debarment;
 - v. Any other cause of the Board of County Commissioners determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a Teton County contractor, including debarment by another governmental entity; and
 - vi. For violations of the ethical standards set forth in Section 6.
 - vii. The Board of County Commissioners shall issue a written decision to suspend which includes the reasons for action taken. Notification shall be provided immediately to the suspended person and any other party intervening.
 - viii. Suspension term shall be determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

CHAPTER 6 – ETHICS

2-6-1 POLICY

- a. Public employment is a public trust. It is the policy of Teton County to promote and balance the objective of protecting government integrity and the objective of facilitating the recruitment and retention of personnel needed by Teton County. Such policy is implemented by prescribing general standards of ethics conduct without creating unnecessary obstacles to entering public service. Public employees must discharge their duties impartially so as to assure fair competitive access to governmental procurement by responsible contractors. Moreover, they should conduct themselves in such a manner as to foster public confidence in the integrity of the procurement procedure used by Teton County. To achieve the purpose of this Policy, it is essential that those doing business with the Teton County also observe the ethical standards prescribed herein.

2-6-2 GENERAL STANDARDS

- a. General Ethical Standards for Employees:
 - i. Any attempt to realize personal gain through public employment by conduct inconsistent with the proper discharge of the employee's duties is a breach of a public trust.
- b. General Ethical Standards for Non-Employees:
 - i. Any effort to influence any public employees to breach the standards of ethical conduct set forth in this Section is also a breach of ethical standards.

2-6-3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- a. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any employee to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement when the employee knows that:
 - i. The employee or any member of the employee's Immediate Family has a Financial Interest pertaining to the procurement;
 - ii. A business or organization in which the employee, or any member of the employee's Immediate Family, has a Financial Interest pertaining to the procurement; or
 - iii. Any other person, business, or organization with whom the employee or any member of the employee's Immediate Family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement.
- b. Discovery of Actual or Potential Conflict of Interest, Disqualification, and Waiver. Upon discovery of an actual or potential conflict of interest, an employee shall promptly file a written statement of disqualification and shall withdraw from further participation in the

transaction involved. The employee may, at the same time, apply to the County Attorney for an advisory opinion as to what further participation, if any, the employee may have in the transaction.

2-6-4 GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS

- a. **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.

- b. **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

CHAPTER 7 – DEFINITIONS

Agency means any department, agency or other instrumentality of Teton County or of a political subdivision of Teton County to which funds are appropriated or authorized for expenditure for capital construction projects and includes any entity that Teton County contracts with to administer or award any bid.

Architectural and Engineering Services means:

1. Professional services of an architectural or engineering nature, as defined by State law, if applicable, which are required to be performed or approved by a person licensed, registered, or certified to provide such services as described in this Subsection;
2. Professional services of an architectural or engineering nature performed by contract that are associated with research, planning, development, design, construction, alteration, or repair of real property, and
3. Such other professional services of an architectural or engineering nature, or incidental services, which members of the architectural and engineering professions (and individual in their employ) may logically or justifiably perform, including; studies, investigations, surveying, mapping, tests, evaluations, consultations, comprehensive planning, program management, conceptual designs, and plans and specifications, value engineering, construction phase services, soils engineering, drawing reviews, preparation of operating and maintenance manuals, and other related services.

Bidder means one who submits a response to an invitation for bid.

Business means corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or any other private legal entity.

Change Order means a written order signed by the Department Director or Elected Official, directing the contractor to make changes which the Changes clause of the contract authorized the Department Director or Elected Official to order without the consent of the contractor.

Competitive Informal Bid or Request for Proposal means at least three requests for bid or RFP must be completed prior to award. Request may be made over phone, email, or facsimile. All bids must be returned in writing to be considered.

Competitive Formal Bid or Request for Proposal means at least three requests for bid or RFP must be completed prior to award. Each bid or RFP shall provide adequate public notice to include two weeks advertisement in an official local publication. A formal opening and reading of the bid, with witness, must take place at a designated time and place indicated in the advertisement and instructions to bidders.

Confidential Information means any information which is available to an employee only because of the employee's status as an employee of Teton County and is not a matter of public knowledge or available to the public on request.

Conspicuously means written in such special or distinctive format, print, or manner that a reasonable person against whom it is to operate ought to have noticed it.

Construction means the process of building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing any public infrastructure facility, including any structure, building, or other improvements of any kind of real property. It does not include the routing operation, routing repair, or routine maintenance of any existing public infrastructure facility, including structures, building or real property.

Contract means all types of Teton County agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of supplies, services, or construction.

Contractor means any person having a contract with a governmental body.

Design-Bid-Build means a project delivery method typically involving three sequential project phases; The design phase when a designer is selected, the bid phase, when a contractor is selected, and a build or construction phase, when the project is built by the selected contractor.

Design – Build means a project delivery method which typically includes one entity (design-builder) and a single contract with the owner to provide both architectural/engineering design services and construction.

Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) means a project delivery method which typically includes a commitment by a CMR for construction performance to deliver the project within a defined schedule and price, for a guaranteed maximum price (GMP). The CMR provides construction input to the owner during the design phase and becomes the general contractor during the construction phase.

Department Director means the Director of Planning and Building, Director of Public Health, Director of General Services, Fire and EMS Chief, Director of Public Works, Director of Parks & Recreation, Library Director, Director of Housing, Director of Human Resources, and County Commissioners' Administrator.

Employee means an individual drawing a salary from a governmental body, whether elected or not, and any non-compensated individual performing personal services for any governmental body.

Financial Interest means:

1. Ownership of any interest or involvement in any relationship from which, or as a result of which, a person within the past year has received, or is presently, or in the future entitles to receive funds, or

2. Holding a position in a business such as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or the like.

Elected Official means the County Commissioners, County Sherriff, County Coroner, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Clerk of District Court, County Assessor, and County Attorney.

Goods means all property, including but not limited to equipment, materials, printing, insurance, and leases of real property, excluding land or a permanent interest in land.

Gratuity means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.

Immediate Family means a spouse, children, parents, brothers, and sisters.

Infrastructure Facility means a building, structure, or networks of buildings, structures, pipes, controls, and equipment that provide governmental services, transportation, utilities, public education, or public safety services.

Invitation for Bids means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting bids.

May denotes the permissive.

Person means any business, individual, union, committee, club, other organization, or group of individuals.

Procurement means buying, purchasing, renting, leasing, or otherwise acquiring any supplies, services, or construction. It also included all functions that pertain to the obtaining of any supply, service, or construction, including description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and ward of contract, and all phases of contract administration.

Public Notice means the distribution or dissemination of information to interested parties using methods that are reasonably available. Such methods will often include publication in newspapers of general circulation, electronic or paper mailing lists, and website(s) designated by Teton County and maintained for that purpose.

Purchase Request means that document whereby a Using Agency request that a contract be entered into for a specified need, and may include, but is not limited to, the technical description of the requested item, delivery schedule, transportation, criteria for evaluation, suggested sources of supply, and information supplied for the making of any written determination required by this Policy.

Offeror means the person or entity who submits a proposal in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Resident means any person or business entity who has been a bona fide resident of the state of Wyoming and Teton County for one (1) year or more immediately prior to bidding upon a contract.

Responsive Bidder means a person who has submitted a bid which conforms in all materials respects to the Invitation for Bids.

Services means the furnishing of labor, time, or effort by a contractor, not involving the delivery of specific end product other than reports which are merely incidental to the required performance. This term shall not include employment agreements or collect bargaining agreements.

Shall denotes the imperative.

Specification means any description of the physical or functional characteristics or of the nature of a supply, service, or construction item for an Infrastructure Facility. It may include a description or any requirement for inspecting, testing, or preparing a supply, service, or construction item for delivery.

Value Engineering means an organized effort directed at analyzing designed building features, systems, equipment, material selection for the purpose of achieving essential functions at the lowest life cycle costs consistent with requirement performance, quality, reliability, and safety.

Written or In Writing means the product of any method of forming characters on paper, other materials, or viewable screens, which can be read, retrieved, and reproduced, including information that is electronically transmitted and stored.