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ORDINANCE NO: 06-01
Liberty County, Florida

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LIBERTY COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY AND ESTABLISHING A LOCAL BIDDERS PREFERENCE FOR BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREIN.

WHEREAS, Liberty County has a purchasing policy in place; and

WHEREAS, the County has not amended the bid thresholds for the Liberty County purchasing policy in several years; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to raise the bid thresholds for telephone bids and sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to enact a local bidders preference for bids of a business or contractor that is located within Liberty County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the county has the general home rule authority to establish purchase and competitive bidding requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida, that the purchasing policy for Liberty County is amended as follows:

1. Section II, Subsection B (1) of the Liberty County Purchasing Policy regarding small purchases shall be amended to require three telephone bids for all amounts between \$1,000 and \$3,000. At least three telephone bids will be sought to insure the best possible price for the item(s).
2. Section II, Subsection B (2) of the Liberty County Purchasing Policy regarding competitive sealed bids shall be amended to require competitive sealed bids for all amounts over \$3,000.
3. Bids shall not be requested when the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners determines at any regular or special board meeting that:
 - (a) an emergency exists
 - (b) there is a sole source supplier, or
 - (c) items are purchased from the state bid list, or
 - (d) it is the best interest of the County to purchase or piggyback from a GSA, Federal, State or other Governmental Contract.
4. The Liberty County Purchasing Policy is amended to include a local bidder's preference. A bid of a business or contractor located within

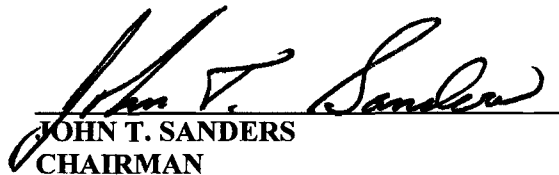
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Liberty County, Florida, will receive a three percent preference over a bid from a business or contractor located outside of Liberty County, Florida. The preference applies only for contracts, goods or services that are below a total cost of \$50,000. Any bid for an amount over \$50,000, shall not receive a local bidder's preference. This local bidder's preference will be subject to any limitations provided for in a grant and/or state or federal laws. The Board reserves the right to award any bid which would be in the best interest of the county.

5. This Ordinance incorporates and adopts all other provisions contained in the Liberty County Purchasing Policy except for the amendments stated above.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners on this 25th day of May, 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



JOHN T. SANDERS
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



ROBERT HILL
CLERK OF COURT