

## RESOLUTION 2009- 02

### RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICY OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA REGARDING THE AWARDING OF BIDS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA that the policy of Gulf County regarding purchasing in the awarding of bids is hereby amended as follows:

#### Section I

##### 1. Awarding Bids

The general policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County is to award the purchase or contract to the lowest bidder; however, other contributing factors may justify awarding to a higher or more responsible bidder. Other contributing factors include, but are not limited to; life-cycle or total cost bidding; exceeding minimum specifications at a relatively minor cost which would better benefit the County; prior history with the County including favorable contracts, commodities, or services and residence and place of business of contractor, subcontractors and suppliers. The bid of a resident of Gulf County, Florida shall have a 7% preference over the bid submitted by any non-resident of Gulf County, Florida. A resident shall mean an individual whose primary residence is within Gulf County, Florida, a partnership whose principals are all residents of Gulf County, Florida, a Florida Corporation, partnership or other business entity whose principal place of business is within Gulf County, Florida and is considered to be a local business. A local business is defined as having a fixed office located in and having a street address within Gulf County, Florida for a minimum of three (3) years immediately prior to the issuance of the RFP or Bid Request and holds any business license required by Gulf County, Florida and if applicable, Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka. Individuals or firms that have a home office located in Gulf County, Florida and meets all of the criteria for a local business as defined shall be given a 7% preference in the amount of the bid. Individuals or firms which do not have a home office within Gulf County and meets all of the criteria for a local business as defined shall be given a 5% preference in the amount of the bid.

Any vendor claiming to be a local business shall so certify in writing along with the respective RFP or Bid Request. Certification shall provide all necessary information so as to eliminate County staff from researching to verify designation. The County Administrator or his/her designee shall determine if a vendor meets the definition of a local business.

The total bid price shall include the base bid and all alternatives or options to the base bid which are part of the bid and being recommended for award.

Based upon the marketplace for each project, County staff shall make recommendation for or against inclusion of a local preference in the criteria for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners for each RFP and Bid Request. If the County determines the local preference policy is to apply to a particular RFP or Bid Proposal, it shall be so stated in the request for proposals and/or bid specifications.

ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY:   
NATHAN PETERS, JR.  
CHAIRMAN

BY:   
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK