Resolution No. 2014-10-394

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, ON THE SUBJECTS OF ESTABLISHING A SMALL PUBLIC WORKS ROSTER PROCESS TO AWARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS, A CONSULTING SERVICES ROSTER FOR ARCHITECTIURAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND A VENDOR ROSTER FOR GOODS AND SERVICES NOT RELATED TO PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS.

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.155 and other laws regarding contracting for public works by municipalities, allow certain contracts to be awarded by a small works roster process; and

WHEREAS, in order to be able to implement small works roster processes, the city is required by law to adopt a resolution establishing specific procedures; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.80.030 requires that an agency publish in advance that agency's requirement for professional services and that one of the ways to accomplish that notification is to announce generally to the public its projected requirements for any category or type of professional services and request qualification statements to be kept on file with the agency; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.190, regarding purchase of materials, supplies or equipment not connected to a public works project, allows certain purchasing contracts to be awarded by a vendor list process.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. MRSC Rosters. The city wishes to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) to have their official rosters hosted in the online database for city use for small public works contracts, consulting services, and vendor services developed and maintained by MRSC and authorizes city Staff to sign that contract.

Section 2. Small Public Works Roster

The following small works roster procedures are established for use by the city pursuant to RCW 39.04.155:

- 1. Cost. The city need not comply with formal sealed bidding procedures for the construction, building, renovation, remodeling, alteration, repair, or improvement of real property where the estimated cost does not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), which includes the costs of labor, material, equipment and sales and/or use taxes as applicable. Instead, the city may use the Small Public Works Roster procedures for public works projects as set forth herein. The breaking of any project into units or accomplishing any projects by phases is prohibited if it is done for the purpose of avoiding the maximum dollar amount of a contract that may be let using the small works roster process.
- 2. Publication. At least once a year, on behalf of the city, MRSC shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction a notice of the existence of the roster or rosters and solicit the names of contractors for such roster or rosters. Responsible contractors shall be added to appropriate MRSC Roster(s) at any time that they complete the online application and meet minimum State requirements for roster listing.
- 3. **Telephone, Written, or Electronic Quotations.** The city shall obtain telephone, written or electronic quotations for public works contracts from contractors on the appropriate small works roster to assure that a competitive price is established and to award contracts to a contractor who

meets the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria in RCW 39.04.350(1) and may establish supplementary bidder criteria under RCW 39.04.350 (2)

- a) A contract awarded from a small works roster will not be advertised. Invitations for quotations shall include an estimate of the scope and nature of the work to be performed as well as materials and equipment to be furnished. However, detailed plans and specifications need not be included in the invitation.
- b) Quotations may be invited from all appropriate contractors on the appropriate small works roster. As an alternative, quotations may be invited from at least five contractors on the appropriate small works roster who have indicated the capability of performing the kind of work being contracted, in a manner that will equitably distribute the opportunity among the contractors on the appropriate roster. "Equitably distribute" means that the city may not favor certain contractors on the appropriate small works roster over other contractors on the appropriate small works roster who perform similar services.

If the estimated cost of the work is from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), the city may choose to solicit bids from less than all the appropriate contractors on the appropriate small works roster but must notify the remaining contractors on the appropriate small works roster that quotations on the work are being sought. The city has the sole option of determining whether this notice to the remaining contractors is made by:

- (i) publishing notice in a legal newspaper in general circulation in the area where the work is to be done:
- (ii) mailing a notice to these contractors; or
- (iii) sending a notice to these contractors by facsimile or email.
- c) At the time bids are solicited, the city representative shall not inform a contractor of the terms or amount of any other contractor's bid for the same project;
- d) A written record shall be made by the city representative of each contractor's bid on the project and of any conditions imposed on the bid. Immediately after an award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded, open to public inspection, and available by telephone inquiry.
- 4. **Limited Public Works Process.** If a work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement project is estimated to cost less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), the city may award such a contract using the limited public works process provided under RCW 39.04.155 (3). For a limited public works project, the city will solicit electronic or written quotations from a minimum of three contractors from the appropriate small works roster and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder as defined under RCW 39.04.010. After an award is made, the quotations shall be open to public inspection and available by electronic request.

For limited public works projects, the city may waive the payment and performance bond requirements of chapter 39.08 RCW and the retainage requirements of chapter 60.28 RCW, thereby assuming the liability for the contractor's nonpayment of laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, material men, suppliers, and taxes imposed under Title 82 RCW that may be due from the contractor for the limited public works project. However, the city shall have the right of recovery against the contractor for any payments made on the contractor's behalf.

The city shall maintain a list of the contractors contacted and the contracts awarded during the previous 24 months under the limited public works process, including the name of the contractor,

- the contractor's registration number, the amount of the contract, a brief description of the type of work performed, and the date the contract was awarded.
- Determining Lowest Responsible Bidder. The council shall award the contract for the public works project to the lowest responsible bidder provided that, whenever there is a reason to believe that the lowest acceptable bid is not the best price obtainable, all bids may be rejected and the council may call for new bids. A responsible bidder shall be a registered and/or licensed contractor who meets the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria established by Chapter 133, Laws of 2007 (SHB 2010) and who meets any supplementary bidder responsibly criteria established by the city.
- 6. Award. The Mayor or his designee shall present all telephone quotations/bids and recommendation for award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder to the council. However, for public works projects under \$30,000, the Mayor shall have the authority to award public works contracts without council approval, provided that the council shall ratify the Mayor's approval at the next scheduled council meeting by means of the consent agenda. For public works projects over \$30,000, the council shall award all public works contracts.

Section 3. Consulting Services Roster

- 1. **Consulting Services.** Consulting services are professional services that have a primarily intellectual output or product and include architectural and engineering services as defined in RCW 39.80.020.
- 2. **Publication.** At least once a year, on behalf of the city, MRSC shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction a notice of the existence of the consulting services roster or rosters and solicit statements of qualifications from firms providing consulting services. Such advertisements will include information on how to find the address and telephone number of a representative of the city who can provide further details as to the city's projected needs for consulting services. Firms or persons providing consulting services may complete the online application at anytime and be listed if they meet the minimum State requirements.
- 3. **Professional Architectural and Engineering Services.** The MRSC Rosters will distinguish between professional architectural and engineering services as defined in RCW 39.80.020 and other consulting services and will announce generally to the public the city's projected requirements for any category or type of professional or other consulting services. The city reserves the right to publish an announcement on each occasion when professional services or other consulting services are required by the agency and to use paper and/or other electronic rosters that may be kept on file by appropriate city departments.

Section 4. Vendor List Roster

Purchase of materials, supplies or equipment not connected to a public works project in an amount of \$10,000 or less. The city is not required to use informal or formal sealed bidding procedures or the procedures set forth in this resolution to purchase materials, supplies, or equipment for the purchase of any materials, supplies of equipment where the cost of same will not exceed \$10,000. The city will attempt to obtain the lowest practical price for such goods and services.

Section 5. The following vendor list procedures are established for use by the city pursuant to RCW 39.04.190. Purchase of materials, supplies or equipment not connected to a public works project in an amount between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

- 1. **Publication of Notice**. At least twice a year, the city shall publish, in the city's official newspaper, notice of the existence of a roster(s) of vendors for materials, supplies, and equipment, and shall solicit names of vendors for the roster.
- 2. **Electronic Rosters.** In addition to paper and/or electronic vendor lists kept on file in the appropriate department, the city may also use that state wide electronic database developed and maintained jointly by the Daily Journal of Commerce and the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC Rosters).
- 3. **Telephone Quotations.** The city shall use the following process to obtain telephone quotations from vendors for the purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment:
 - a. A written description shall be drafted of the specific materials, supplies, or equipment to be purchased, including the number, quantity, quality, and type desired, the proposed delivery date, and any other significant terms of purchase;
 - b. A city representative shall make a good faith effort to contact at least three (3) of the vendors on the roster to obtain telephone solicitation quotations from the vendors for the required materials, supplies, or equipment;
 - c. The city representative shall not share telephone quotation from one vendor with other vendors solicited for the bid on the materials, supplies, or equipment;
 - d. A written record shall be made by the city representative of each vendor's bid on the material, supplies, or equipment, and of any conditions imposed on the bid by such vendor;
 - e. The city representative shall present to the council all telephone quotations and a recommendation for award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.
- 4. **Determining the Lowest Responsible Bidder.** The city shall purchase the materials, supplies or equipment from the lowest responsible bidder, provided that whenever there is reason to believe that the lowest acceptable bid is not the best price obtainable, all bids may be rejected and the city may call for new bids.
- 5. **Award.** Council shall review quotations and recommendation by city staff and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. A written record of each vendor's quotations shall be made open to public inspection or telephone inquiry after the award of the contract. Any contract awarded under this subsection need not be advertised.
- 6. **Posting.** A list of all contracts awarded under these procedures shall be posted at city main administrative offices once every two months. The list shall contain the name of the vendor awarded the contract, the amount of the contract, a brief description of the items purchased, and the date it was awarded.

PASSED by the Council of the City of White Salmon this 1st day of October, 2014.

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