



Dorchester County
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LOCAL PREFERENCE STATEMENT

Bidders are reminded of the following language contained within the Dorchester County Procurement Ordinance which may affect the award of bids when the bids submitted are from in-county and out-of-county bidders:

“Competitive procurements made by Dorchester County shall be made from responsive and responsible vendor residents in Dorchester County for procurement if such bid does not exceed the lowest qualified bid from a nonresident vendor by more than two (2%) percent of the latter bid.

A vendor shall be deemed to be a resident of this county if such vendor be an individual, partnership, association or the State, maintains an office in Dorchester County, and maintains a representative inventory of commodities within the County on which the bid is submitted and has paid all taxes duly assessed.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the event the procurement is to be made pursuant to State or Federal guidelines shall prohibit or restrict local preference on services provided by prime contractors or subcontractors in the construction industry, then in such circumstances there shall be no local preference.”

EXAMPLES:

<u>In-County Bid</u>	<u>Out-of-County Bid</u>	<u>Out-of-County Bid Adjusted</u>
1. \$5,000.00	\$4,950.00	$4,950 + 4,950(2\%) = \$5,049.00$
Award to In-County Bidder at \$5,000.		
2. \$5,000.00	\$4,900.00	$4,900 + 4,900(2\%) = \$4,998.00$
Award to Out-of-County Bidder at \$4,900.		

The enclosed affidavit must be completed, notarized and returned as part of vendor's bid if making claim for the in-county local preference. No vendor is presumed to qualify for the preference if the vendor has not made a written claim on the enclosed affidavit at the time the bid is submitted.