

Spokane County Resolution #2014-1022 passed 12/16/2014

Determining the “Lowest Responsible Bidder.” The County shall purchase the materials, supplies or equipment (or services) from the lowest responsible bidder (RCW 43.19.1911(9)), as defined under chapter 39.26.160 RCW for materials, supplies or equipment or services; and as defined under chapter 39.04.350 for public works projects; 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 County may call for new bids. For public works projects valued at less than forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000), the Purchasing Director (or designee) is authorized to approve at other than public meeting project-specific supplemental bidder responsibility criteria pursuant to chapter 39.04.350(2) RCW.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the County from allowing for preferential purchase of products made from recycled materials or products that may be recycled or reused.

Nothing in this adoption of the uniform process shall prohibit the County from allowing for the preferential purchase of products (or products with packaging) that do not contain polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCB’s”) above the practical quantification limit (with such preference referred to as “reduced PCB preference”); PROVIDED that the County reserves the right to dispense with the reduced PCB preference when the County representative deems that it is not cost effective or technically feasible to enforce such a preference. “Practical quantification limit” means the lowest concentration that can be reliably measured within specified limits of precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability during routine laboratory operating conditions, or using EPA Method 1668. “Not cost effective” means compliance with this requirement would increase the purchase price of the product by at least twenty-five percent over the price of not enforcing the reduced PCB preference. In applying this reduced PCB preference the County representative may require the vendor(s) to identify and self-certify the PCB content of the products or product packaging. In determining the “lowest responsible bidder,” the County shall give