

Village of Brockport
Purchasing / Procurement Policy
Confirmed by Village Board 7/17/23

Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law (GML) requires every municipality to adopt internal policies governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of GML Section 103 or any other law. In accordance with that requirement, the following guidelines are established for use by the Village of Brockport.

Guideline 1. Every prospective purchase of goods or services shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of GML Section 103. Every village officer, board member, department head or other personnel with the requisite purchasing authority (the Purchaser) shall adhere to this policy. An employee wishing to make a purchase on behalf of the Village must have the purchase authorized by the appropriate department head.

Guideline 2. All purchases of:

- (a) Goods, services, equipment or public works contracts shall be executed through a purchase order, which will be preceded by a Request for Purchase Order.
- (b) Purchases which will exceed the threshold amount set forth in GML Section 103 (\$20,000 for goods and equipment purchases and \$35,000 for Public Works Contracts) shall be formally bid pursuant to this law and shall be executed only after appropriate Village Board approval has been obtained.

Guideline 3. All purchases of goods, services, equipment or public works contracts:

- (a) Less than \$10,000 but greater than \$5,000 require a written request for proposal (RFP), written/fax quotes from three (3) vendors.
- (b) Purchases equal to or in excess of \$5,000 will also require approval of the Village Board.
- (c) Purchases of less than \$5,000 are at the discretion of the Department Head.
- (d) Any written RFP shall be from a reputable vendor, and must describe the desired goods, quantity and particulars of delivery. The Purchaser shall use the Quotation Log to compile a list of all vendors from whom written/fax quotes have been requested; and the written/fax quotes offered, and all information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the RFP. The Quotation Log must be signed by the employee and the Department Head.

Guideline 4. The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares a written justification as to why it is in the best interest of the Village and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. If a vendor is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall also be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement.

Guideline 5. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. However, if the Purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt made. In no event shall the inability to obtain the required proposals or quotations be a bar to the procurement.

Guideline 6. In the event that there is only one supplier for a particular good or service, care must be taken to document that the item or service is unique in its benefits as compared to other items or service available in the market place. The Purchaser must be sure that no other item or service provides a substantially equivalent or similar benefit. These facts must be documented on the Quotation Log and filed with the purchase request.

Guideline 7. In the event a good or service can be obtained under a city, county or state contract bid, the Purchaser must document the **current year** contract number, whether it is a city, county, or state bid, the price per unit and the total cost of the purchase.

Guideline 8. Except when directed by the Village Board, no solicitations of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- (a) Emergencies;
- (b) Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped;
- (c) Goods purchased from correctional facilities;
- (d) Goods purchased from another governmental agency;
- (e) Goods purchased at auction - shall be done at or below any established limit agreed upon by the Village Board.

Guideline 9. This policy shall be reviewed annually or as deemed necessary by the Village Board.