

Resolution No. 76-11  
**SMALL PUBLIC WORKS  
AND CONSULTANT ROSTERS RESOLUTION  
Amending Resolution 87-09**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ON THE SUBJECTS OF ESTABLISHING A SMALL PUBLIC WORKS ROSTER PROCESS TO AWARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS AND A CONSULTING SERVICES ROSTER FOR ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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 County is required by law to adopt a resolution establishing specific procedures;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** §3.48.050 of the Mason County Code is hereby repealed. There is hereby added to the Code of Mason County §3.48.050 which hereby reads as follows:

**Section 2. MRSC Rosters.** The County has contracted with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) to adopt for County use those state wide electronic databases for small public works roster and consulting services developed and maintained by MRSC and authorizes the Public Work's Director to sign the contract. In addition, paper and/or electronic rosters may be kept on file by appropriate county departments.

**Section 3. Small Public Works Roster**

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

1. **Cost.** The County 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 County 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 County, 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 submit a written request and necessary

records. The County may require master contracts to be signed that become effective when a specific award is made using a small works roster.

3. **Telephone or Written Quotations.** The County 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 need 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County 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, materialmen, suppliers, and taxes imposed under Title 82 RCW that may be due from the contractor for the limited public works project. However, the County shall have the right of recovery against the contractor for any payments made on the contractor's behalf.

The County 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.

5. **Determining Lowest Responsible Bidder.** The Board of Commissioners shall award or authorize a department head or his/her designee to 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 Board 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 responsibility criteria established by the County.
6. **Award.** The Department Heads or his/her designee shall present all telephone quotations/bids and recommendation for award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder to the Board of Commissioners. The Board may authorize a Department head or his/her designee to advertise, set bid date/time, award and the Chair to sign all pertinent documents with notification of the award at the next scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting. However, the Board of Commissioners delegates the Public Works Director the authority to award public works contracts without Board of Commissioner approval for public works projects under \$50,000. The Director of Public Works shall advise the Board of County Commissioners of the award at the next scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting as other business.

#### **Section 4. 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 County 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 County who can provide further details as to the County's projected needs for consulting services. Firms or persons providing consulting services shall be added to appropriate MRSC roster or rosters at any time that they submit a written request and necessary records. The County may require master contracts to be signed that become effective when a specific award is made using a consulting services roster.
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 County's projected requirements for any category or type of professional or other consulting services. The County 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 County departments.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011

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