



COCHISE COUNTY PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

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LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE POLICY

The Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the following local vendor preference policy effective January 1, 2012. In recognition of the benefits from transaction privilege taxes ("TPT") and property taxes paid by local businesses to Cochise County, as well as indirect benefits to County residents from vibrant local businesses, a local preference credit of 3% shall be granted to local vendors when evaluating bids for supplies, equipment and materials and personal services. This preference is subject to the following:

1. The local preference credit does not apply to bids on construction projects.
2. In no event will the credit on any one bid exceed \$2,500.
3. The 3% credit will apply only to the parts of the bid on which TPT are paid. For example, if the total amount of a bid is \$75,000, in which \$50,000 is subject to payment of TPT, and \$25,000 is exempt from TPT, the 3% credit will be \$1,500 (.03 x \$50,000).
4. A vendor is deemed a local business and therefore entitled to the 3% credit if the TPT on the bid will be paid to, or inure to the benefit of, Cochise County or a city or town in Cochise County. The vendor will be responsible for demonstrating this to the satisfaction of the Procurement Director, who will make the determination in his sole discretion.
5. A local preference will also be allowed on Requests for Proposals, in which case the 3% credit will be calculated on the points otherwise scored by a vendor. The determination as to whether a vendor is deemed a local business will follow the guidelines above.

Bidders claiming local preference for any Bid, Price Quote, or RFP must submit an Affidavit of Eligibility with their Bid, Quote, or RFP, unless an approved Affidavit is already on file. The Affidavit may be downloaded by clicking on the following link:

[Local Vendor Preference Affidavit](#)

Submit completed affidavits via mail or fax to the address/fax number listed above.