

**ADVANCE ALBANY COUNTY ALLIANCE
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

PROCUREMENT POLICY (NON-REAL ESTATE PROCUREMENTS)

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND Authority. The purpose of this procurement policy (the “Policy”) is to outline the procurement policy of Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation (the “Corporation”) applicable to procurements of goods and services paid for by the Corporation for its own use and benefit.

SECTION 2. SECURING GOODS AND SERVICES. All goods and services will be secured by use of written requests for proposals, written quotations, verbal quotations, or any other method that assures that goods/services will be purchased in a competitive manner except for in the following circumstances: purchases costing less than \$5,000; purchases under state contracts pursuant to Section 104 of the General Municipal Law; purchases under county contracts pursuant to Section 103(3) of the General Municipal Law; or purchases pursuant to Section 4 of this Policy. Regardless of the estimated cost of any purchase of goods and/or services, the Corporation will seek to obtain the best value for the Corporation while meeting all relevant purchase requirements.

SECTION 3. METHOD OF PURCHASE. The following method of purchase will be used when required by this Policy in order to achieve the highest savings:

<u>Estimated Amount of Purchase Contract</u>	<u>Method</u>
\$5,000-\$10,000	Price obtained by 2 verbal quotations with the approval of Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”)
\$10,001-\$50,000	Price obtained by 3 written/fax quotations with approval by CEO
\$50,001 and above	Price obtained through issuance of Request For Proposals with award made by resolution of Board of Directors

(B) Number of Proposals or Quotations. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.

(C) Documentation. Documentation is required of each action is taken in connection with each procurement. Documentation and an explanation is required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. This documentation will include an explanation of how the reward will achieve savings or how the offeror was not responsible. A determination that the offeror is not responsible shall be made by the Corporation and may not be challenged under any circumstances.

SECTION 4. CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE SOLICITATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS AND QUOTATIONS NOT IN BEST INTEREST. This Policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurements for which the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the Corporation. In the following circumstances, it may not be in the best interests of the Corporation to solicit quotations or document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:

(A) Professional Services. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual, company or firm must be chosen based on accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, conflict of interests, reputation, education and training, judgement, integrity, continuity of service and moral worth. Furthermore, certain professional services to be provided to the Corporation (e.g., legal and accounting services) impact liability issues of the Corporation and its directors, including securities liability in circumstances where the Corporation is issuing bonds. These qualifications and the concerns of the Corporation regarding its liability and the liability of its directors are not necessarily found or addressed in the individual, company or firm that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures.

In determining whether a service fits into this category, the Corporation shall take into consideration the following guidelines: (a) whether the services are subject to state licensing or testing requirements; (b) whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and (c) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and the directors of the Corporation. Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of an attorney; services of a physician; technical services of an engineer or architect engaged to prepare plans, maps and estimates; securing insurance coverage and/or services of an insurance broker; services of a certified public accountant; investment management services; printing services involving extensive writing, editing or art work; management of Corporation-owned property; real estate brokerage services; appraisers; information technology; and computer software or programming services for customized programs, or services involved in substantial modification and customizing of pre-packaged software.

(B) Emergency Purchases. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternate proposals may threaten the life, health, safety or welfare of the public. This section does not preclude alternate proposals if time permits.

(C) Purchases of Secondhand Goods. Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods from any source. It is difficult to try to compare prices of used goods and a lower price may indicate an older product.

(D) Written Findings. In the event the Corporation determines that the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations is not in the best interests of the Corporation pursuant to this Section 4, the Corporation shall approve such determination in writing by the: (i) CEO for procurements \leq \$50,000; or (ii) Board for procurements $>$ \$50,000. Such written approval/resolution should include any findings described in this Section 4 related to such determination.

SECTION 5. PIGGYBACK CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED. In accordance with New York Public Authority Law §2881, the Corporation is authorized to make purchases of supplies/materials/equipment or to contract for services through the use of a contract let by the United States or any federal agency, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein, if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of “best value” in a manner consistent with New York public authority/municipal procurement requirements and made available for use by other government entities.

SECTION 6. POLICY REVIEW. This Policy will be reviewed and approved annually by the Board.