

Local Bidder Preference Program

The City of Corona has adopted a Local Bidder Preference Program which is applicable to certain purchases of materials, supplies and equipment, as well as contracts for maintenance work and other general services. To qualify, bidders must be a "local business" with: (i) fixed facilities with one or more employees, which may include a sole proprietor, located at an address within City limits (a post office box alone is insufficient); and (ii) an appropriate City business license/permit. Bidders seeking to qualify for this local program shall provide supporting information and certify in writing that they meet the above requirements as part of the bid submittal.

A qualifying local business shall be entitled to a reduction of five percent (5%) in the tabulation of its bid for purposes of determining the lowest responsible bidder, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

The Local Program shall be applicable to only purchases of materials, supplies, and equipment as well as contracts for maintenance work and other general services projects, which are competitively bid and which involve an expenditure of two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) or less. For recurring purchases, the Local Program shall be applicable only to the City's first two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) worth of such purchases for any fiscal year, as determined by city staff in its sole discretion.

The Local Program shall also establish a preference for the purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment, as well as contracts for maintenance work and other general services, which are competitively bid and which involve an expenditure of more than two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Such preference shall allow the City to take into consideration the net sales tax to be returned to the City as a result of an award to a qualifying Local Business in determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The net sales tax shall be calculated based on the applicable bid price provided by the bidder in accordance with the City's purchasing policy.