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County City Town Village
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of Livingston

Local Law No. 2 of the year 2015

A local law Authorizing the use of best value award methodology, in the competitive bidding process as
(Insert Title)
authorized by Section 103 of the General Municipal Law and as defined in Section One

Hundred sixty-Three of the State Finance Law.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

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of Livingston as follows:

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2 – 2015

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BEST VALUE AWARD METHODOLOGY, IN THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 103 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Livingston, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Name of local law

This law shall be known as the “Livingston County Best Value Competitive Bidding Law.”

Section 2. Findings and Intent

The State Legislature and Governor amended General Municipal Law §103 (A08692/S6117) on January 27, 2012 to provide local governments greater flexibility in awarding contracts by authorizing the award of purchase contracts, including contracts for service work on the basis of “best value”, provided that any Political Subdivision with a population of less than one million first pass a local law authorizing the use of the best value award process.

(From Assembly Bill Memo A08692) – Enactment of this legislation provides additional procurement options to localities in ways that may expedite the procurement process and result in cost savings. The “best value” standard for selecting goods and services vendors, including janitorial and security contracts, is critical to efforts to use strategic sourcing principles to modernize the supply chain and ensure that taxpayers obtain the highest quality goods and services at the lowest potential cost, while ensuring fairness to all competitors.

Taxpayers are not well served when a public procurement results in low unit costs at the outset, but ultimately engenders cost escalations due to factors such as inferior quality, poor reliability and difficulty of maintenance. Best value procurement links the procurement process directly to the municipality’s performance requirements, incorporating selection factors such as useful lifespan, quality and options and incentives for more timely performance and/or additional services.

Even if the initial expenditure is higher, considering the total value over the life of the procurement may result in better value and long-term investment of public funds. Best value procurement also encourages competition and, in turn, often results in better pricing, quality and customer service. Fostering healthy competition ensures that bidders will continue to strive for excellence in identifying and meeting municipalities’ needs, including such important goals as the participation of small, minority and women owned businesses and the development of environmentally-preferable goods and service delivery methods. Best value procurement will provide much-needed flexibility in obtaining important goods and services at favorable prices, and will reduce the time to procure such goods and services.

Section 3. Definitions

“Best value” means the basis for awarding contracts for purchases and/or services to an offeror who optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible offerers. Such basis may also identify a quantitative factor for offerers that are small businesses or certified minority-or women-owned business enterprises as defined in subdivisions one, seven, fifteen and twenty of section three hundred ten of the executive law to be used in evaluation of offers for awarding contracts for services.

Section 4. Authorization

Livingston County is hereby authorized to use best value as a basis for awarding purchase contracts and service contracts, excluding public works projects under NYS Labor Law Article 8, without regard to the amount of the expenditure, in addition to awarding such contracts to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing the required security. The County Administrator shall determine when to use best value as a basis for awarding a purchase contract and service contracts, excluding public works projects under NYS Labor Law Article 8.

Section 5. Requirements

Where the basis for award is best value, the County Administrator shall document in the procurement record and in advance of the initial receipt of offers, the determination of the evaluation criteria, which whenever possible, shall be quantifiable and the process to be used in the determination of best value and the manner in which the evaluation process and selection shall be conducted.

The County Administrator shall select a formal sealed competitive bidding procurement process in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law and the Livingston County Purchasing Policy and document its determination in the procurement record. The process shall include, but is not limited to, a clear statement of need; a description of the required specifications governing performance and related factors; a reasonable process for ensuring a competitive field; a fair and equal opportunity for offerors to submit responsive offers; and a balanced and fair method of award. Where the basis for award is best value, documentation in the procurement record shall where practicable include quantification of the application of the criteria to the rating of proposals and the evaluation results, or, where not practicable, such other justification which demonstrates that best value will be achieved.

The solicitation shall prescribe the minimum specifications or requirements that must be met in order to be considered responsive and shall describe and disclose the general manner in which the evaluation and selection shall be conducted. Where appropriate the solicitation shall identify the relative importance and/or weight of cost and overall technical criterion to be considered by the County Administrator in its determination of best value.

The County Administrator shall develop procedures that will govern the award of contracts on the basis of best value. These procedures shall be included in the Livingston County Purchasing Policy and reviewed annually by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors in conjunction with its annual review and approval of the purchasing policy.

Section 6. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph subdivision, section or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 7. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Dated at Geneseo, New York
March 11, 2015 (Introduced)
March 25, 2015 (Adopted)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 2 of 2015 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Livingston was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 25 2015, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

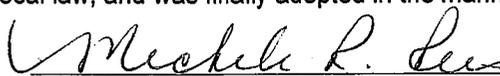
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1 above.



Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: 3/26/15

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