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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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Purpose

To establish a Board Policy to promote Veteran Owned Business (VOB) and Disabled Veteran Business (DVB) participation in County contracts.

Background

All veterans, and particularly disabled veterans, have made great sacrifices serving and defending our country. Their dedication and sacrifices have not gone unrecognized. The County, like the State and federal governments, has recognized veterans' service through contracting practices that promote successful veteran owned business participation in government contracting. This policy continues the County's practice of promoting successful veteran owned business participation in County contracting.

Definitions

1. Disabled Veteran Business (DVB): A business that meets at least one of the following qualifications:
 - a) Certified by the State of California as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) or other disabled veteran-owned small business type.
 - b) Certified by the federal government as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) or other disabled veteran-owned small business type.
2. Veteran Owned Business (VOB): A business that meets at least one of the following qualifications:
 - a) Certified by the federal government as a Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) or other veteran-owned small business type.
 - b) Qualified as a DVB in accordance with this Policy B-39a.
3. Department Director: The head of the department, agency, group, or other administrative organizational unit of the County that seeks to contract for goods and/or services.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors to promote veteran owned business participation in County contracts by:

1. Including veteran owned businesses (DVB and VOB) in the small business advancement procedures set forth in Board Policy B-53 Small-Local Business Policy (SLBP), including
 - a. Subcontractor participation goals in applicable county procurements.

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- b. Implementation of the Small-Local Business preference program set forth in section 405 of the Administrative Code.
- c. Requiring that County departments consider supportive actions in County procurements to reduce barriers to participation in County procurements, including:
 - 1) Authorizing progress payments and expedited payments.
 - 2) Separating large contractual requirements into smaller segments.
 - 3) Removing overly burdensome or unduly restrictive requirements.
- 2. Authorizing that certain procurements from DVBS be exempted from competition pursuant to Board Policy A-87 Competitive Procurement.
- 3. Authorizing that the award of informal procurements be reserved for Small-Local Businesses, including veteran owned businesses (DVB and VOB), pursuant to Board Policy A-87 Competitive Procurement.

Procedure

- 1. Implementation
 - a. The Director of Purchasing and Contracting, in coordination with Department Directors, shall implement the applicable procedures in County procurements to advance veteran and disabled-veteran owned business participation in County procurements.
 - b. Contractors with contracts that include a DVBE or DVB requirement originating from a prior version of this Policy shall be in compliance with that requirement by satisfying the requirements of such prior version or by satisfying the Small-Local Business Subcontractor Participation Requirements set forth in Board Policy B-53, except where they are otherwise required to meet a DVBE goal by State, federal, local law, or the applicable funding source.

Responsible Departments

- 1. Department of Purchasing and Contracting

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-2032.

References

Board Action
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