



Henry County Water Authority

Purchasing and Inventory Department

LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2019

1. On any solicitations handled by the Purchasing and Inventory Department a Henry County business will be awarded the contract / order if their bid or quote is within 5% of the non-Henry County Business.
2. In order for a business to be considered a local business they must:
 - A. Have a physical address in Henry County;
 - B. Have a current Business or Occupational License issued by Henry County or one of the Municipalities in Henry County.
 - C. Must be registered as a vendor with HCWA
 - D. Must have a copy of their business license on file.
3. The Purchasing and Inventory Department will make a list of local vendors available to our user departments and will encourage the use of local business for purchases less than \$5,000.00.
4. Exemptions:
 - A. Public Works construction contracts greater than \$100,000.00 as defined by O.C.G.A. 36-91.
 - B. Purchases using grant funds or other sources that restrict such a program.
 - C. Emergency purchases.
 - D. Brokers and Manufacturers reps are not automatically considered a Henry County business.
 - E. Professionals Services including but not limited to Accountants, Attorneys, Architects, Professional Engineers, Surveyors, Information Technology Professions, Materials Testing, Training Professionals and Management Consultants.
5. Currently there are just under 100 businesses with a Henry County address in our vendor master file. HCWA already uses many of these businesses.

Note: Currently there is not a source for many of the items we purchase in Henry County. We must go out of the County to purchase pipe, chemical, valves, fittings, meters, etc.

Approved by:

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