

5.9 Bid Preference for Mesa County Resident Bidder

5.9.1 When an award of Contract for products or services is pending following a formal bidding process, a resident Mesa County bidder shall be allowed a preference against a non-resident bidder equal to the preference given or required by the state or county or city in which the non-resident bidder resides.

5.9.2 In the event a resident Mesa County bidder desires to avail itself of this preference, the resident bidder must demonstrate to the Purchasing Director in writing the preference given or required of the non-resident bidder's state or county or city. At the time of the bid opening or closing date for receipt of proposals, but before the award of the Contract, if it appears that a non-resident bidder and resident bidder(s) are among the three (03) most likely to have their bids or proposals accepted and the apparent lowest bid or proposed price has been submitted by a non-resident bidder, the Purchasing Director shall announce a reasonable period of time (not to exceed five (05) business days) for the resident bidder(s) to provide written information on the preference given or required by the non-resident bidder's state or county or city. If deemed to be in the best interest of Mesa County, the Purchasing Director may waive the process documented in this section 5.9.2.

5.9.3 For the purposes of this section 5.9; a Mesa County resident bidder is defined as a business, individual, union, committee, club, organization or group of individuals which maintains a place of business and resident employees in Mesa County, Colorado.

5.9.4 If it is determined by the Purchasing Director that awarding a Contract in compliance with the preference guidance in this Section 5.9 may cause denial of federal or state money which would otherwise be available, would otherwise be inconsistent with requirements of federal or state law, or cause delays in a procurement action that would be perceived to compromise public safety, the resident preference in this section 5.9 shall be suspended.

5.9.5 In order to maximize the participation of Mesa County resident bidders in County bidding activities, the Purchasing Department shall endeavor to reach out to resident bidders by maintaining contact with business groups within Mesa County (i.e. Chambers of Commerce, Contractors Associations, etc.) concerning contracting opportunities with the County.