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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 07-078

RELATING TO COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS,
REVISING BID PROVISIONS, AND AMENDING SCC 3.04.160

WHEREAS, since at least 1993 RCW 36.32.245(3) has authorized counties to use the uniform process provided in RCW 39.04.190 for purchases of materials, equipment or supplies between \$2,500 and \$25,000, and has permitted counties to dispense with advertisement and formal sealed bids for purchases of materials, equipment or supplies of less than \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, by Chapter 88, Laws of 2007, RCW 36.32.245(3) was amended, effective July 22, 2007, to authorize counties use the uniform process provided in RCW 39.04.190 for purchases of materials, equipment or supplies between \$5,000 and \$25,000, and to permit counties to dispense with advertisement and formal sealed bids for purchases of materials, equipment or supplies of less than \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Snohomish County to follow the more flexible and efficient purchasing process permitted by RCW 36.32.245(3) as amended, and it is necessary to amend SCC 3.04.160 in order to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.04.160, last amended by Ordinance No. 92-085 on August 12, 1992, is amended to read:

3.04.160 Purchases, leases, and contracts for personal property.

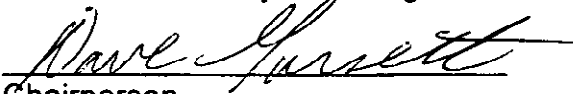
The manager or his designee is granted authority to award any contract, lease or purchase of personal property except as otherwise provided in this chapter and the county charter, involving less than five thousand dollars, sales tax and shipping charges not included, without compliance with the requirements of SCC 3.04.130(2), (3), (4), (5), (9) and (10). On contracts, leases, or purchases (~~exceeding two thousand five hundred~~) from five thousand dollars (~~and less than and~~) to less than twenty five thousand dollars, sales tax and shipping charges not included, the manager or his designee shall be responsible for soliciting telephone and/or written quotations from at least three vendors whenever possible to assure establishment of a competitive price and for awarding such contracts for purchase of supplies, equipment, services, work and materials to the lowest responsible bidder as defined in SCC 3.04.130(8). Immediately after award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be open to public inspection or

1 telephone inquiry. At least ~~((one))~~ twice per year, the county shall publish in
2 a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction a notice of the
3 existence of a vendor reference list and solicit vendor names for the list. The
4 division will prepare specifications and post notice of intent to purchase upon
5 its bulletin board for not less than three working days prior to making any
6 such contract or purchase, except that the period of posting may be waived
7 by the manager. A contract pursuant to this section less than \$25,000~~((-))~~ in
8 value need not be advertised. The county executive may waive the
9 requirements of advertisement and competitive bidding for materials and
10 labor to repair or restore any county motor vehicle, trailer, or other equipment
11 to an operable or useable condition, or for labor, materials or services
12 required to prevent imminent and material injury or damage to the public or
13 property of the county. Purchases for less than ~~((two thousand five hundred))~~
14 five thousand dollars may be made by the manager, subject to such
15 regulations as the director may approve.
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17 Purchase transactions for materials, supplies, equipment, and services
18 valued ~~((in excess of))~~ at twenty five thousand dollars or more shall be
19 formally bid and advertised. Such advertisement shall be published in the
20 official county newspaper at least once, at least ten days prior to the last date
21 upon which bids will be received and accepted.
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23 PASSED this 5th day of Sept, 2007.
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25 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
26 Snohomish County, Washington

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29 Chairperson

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31 ATTEST:

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34 Clerk of the Council, asst

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36 APPROVED

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County Executive
MARK SOINE
Deputy Executive

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1 ATTEST:

2 Core E. Palmer
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7 Joni H. Ostryland 7/10/07
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9 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
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