

# **Cowlitz 911 Public Authority**

## **Resolution 2024-002**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COWLITZ 911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ON THE SUBJECTS OF ESTABLISHING A SMALL PUBLIC WORKS ROSTER PROCESS TO AWARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS, A CONSULTING SERVICES ROSTER FOR ARCHITECTIURAL, ENGINEERING, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND A VENDOR ROSTER FOR GOODS AND SERVICES NOT RELATED TO PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS.**

**WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.155** and other laws regarding contracting for public works by municipalities, allow certain contracts to be awarded by a small works roster process; and

**WHEREAS, Ch. 39.80 RCW** and other laws regarding contracting for consulting services by municipalities allow certain contracts to be awarded by a consultant roster process; and

**WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.190**, regarding purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment not connected to a public works project, allows certain purchasing contracts to be awarded by a vendor roster process; and

**WHEREAS**, Cowlitz 911 has secured Award I.D. 15JCOPS-23-GG-04004-TECP, a federal grant on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the Cowlitz 911 radio system replacement and upgrade project, and the grant expires on December, 31, 2024, thus requiring an expedited procurement and installation process; and

**WHEREAS**, Cowlitz 911 has approved an amended 2024 budget to include the federal grant award of \$2,179,000.00, and at the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 board meeting approved an amended budget and radio equipment expenditure of \$1,332,000.00 of Cowlitz 911 funding for the installation of the equipment purchased by said federal grant; and

**WHEREAS**, it's the experience of the Board and authority leadership that due to the urgency for the radio upgrades in the Cowlitz 911 area of operations that the Board needs to adopt expedited procurement and purchasing procedures for the radio project and should be authorized to increase expedited purchases by the Executive Director up to \$350,000, as opposed to the previous limit of \$50,000, if it so desires;



**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COWLITZ 911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. MRSC Rosters.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority wishes to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) to have their official rosters hosted in the online database for Cowlitz 911 Public Authority use for small public works contracts, consulting services, and vendor services developed and maintained by MRSC through MRSC Rosters and authorizes Cowlitz 911 Public Authority Staff to sign that contract.

**Section 2. Small Public Works Roster.** The following small works roster procedures are established for use by the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority pursuant to RCW 39.04.155:

1. **Cost.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority need not comply with formal sealed bidding procedures for the construction, building, renovation, remodeling, alteration, repair, or improvement of real property where the estimated cost does not exceed the sealed bids required limit set by local, state, or federal law, which includes the costs of labor, material, equipment, sales, or use taxes as applicable. Instead, the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may use the Small Public Works Roster procedures for public works projects as set forth in this resolution. The breaking of any project into units or accomplishing any projects by phases is prohibited if it is done for the purpose of avoiding the maximum dollar amount of a contract that may be let using the small works roster process.
2. **Publication.** At least once a year, MRSC shall, on behalf of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority, publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality's jurisdiction a notice of the existence of the small works roster and solicit the names of contractors for the small works roster. MRSC shall add responsible contractors to the small works roster at any time that a contractor completes the online application provided by MRSC, and meets minimum State requirements for roster listing.
3. **Telephone, Written, or Electronic Quotations.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority shall obtain telephone, written, or electronic quotations for public works contracts from contractors on the appropriate small works roster to assure that a competitive price is established and to award contracts to a contractor who meets the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria in RCW 39.04.350(1). The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may establish supplementary bidder criteria under RCW 39.04.350 (2) to be considered in the process of awarding a contract.
  - a) A contract awarded from a small works roster will not be advertised. Invitations for quotations shall include an estimate of the scope and nature of the work to be performed as well as materials and equipment to be furnished. However, detailed plans and specifications need not be included in the invitation.
  - b) Quotations may be invited from all appropriate contractors on the appropriate small works roster. As an alternative, quotations may be invited from at least five contractors on the appropriate small works roster who have indicated the capability of performing the kind of work being contracted, in a manner that will equitably distribute the opportunity among the contractors on the appropriate roster. "Equitably distribute" means that the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may not favor certain contractors on the appropriate small



works roster over other contractors on the appropriate small works roster who perform similar services.

The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may choose to solicit bids from less than all the appropriate contractors on the appropriate small works roster but must notify the remaining contractors on the appropriate small works roster that quotations on the work are being sought based on the limits set by local, state, or federal law. The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority has the sole option of determining whether this notice to the remaining contractors is made by:

- (i) publishing notice in a legal newspaper in general circulation in the area where the work is to be done;
  - (ii) mailing a notice to these contractors; or
  - (iii) sending a notice to these contractors by facsimile or email.
- c) At the time bids are solicited, the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority representative shall not inform a contractor of the terms or amount of any other contractor's bid for the same project;
- d) A written record shall be made by the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority representative of each contractor's bid on the project and of any conditions imposed on the bid. Immediately after an award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded, open to public inspection, and available by telephone inquiry.

4. **Limited Public Works Process.** If a work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement project is estimated to cost less than the limited public works limit set by local, state or federal law, the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may award such a contract using the limited public works process provided under RCW 39.04.155 (3). For a limited public works project, the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority will solicit electronic or written quotations from a minimum of three contractors from the appropriate small works roster and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder as defined under RCW 39.04.010. After an award is made, the quotations shall be open to public inspection and available by electronic request.

For limited public works projects, the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may waive the payment and performance bond requirements of chapter 39.08 RCW and the retainage requirements of chapter 60.28 RCW, thereby assuming the liability for the contractor's nonpayment of laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, material men, suppliers, and taxes imposed under Title 82 RCW that may be due from the contractor for the limited public works project. However, the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority shall have the right of recovery against the contractor for any payments made on the contractor's behalf.

The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority shall maintain a list of the contractors contacted and the contracts awarded during the previous 24 months under the limited public works process, including the name of the contractor, the contractor's registration number, the amount of the contract, a brief description of the type of work performed, and the date the contract was awarded.

- 5 **Determining Lowest Responsible Bidder.** The Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall award the contract for the public works project to the lowest responsible bidder provided that, whenever



there is a reason to believe that the lowest acceptable bid is not the best price obtainable, all bids may be rejected and the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors may call for new bids. A responsible bidder shall be a registered or licensed contractor who meets the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria established by Chapter 133, Laws of 2007 (SHB 2010) and who meets any supplementary bidder responsibility criteria established by the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority.

6. **Award.** All of the bids or quotations shall be collected by the Executive Director or designee.
  - a) The Executive Director or designee shall then present all bids or quotations and their recommendation for award of the contract to the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors. The Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall consider all bids or quotations received, determine the lowest responsible bidder, and award the contract; or
  - b) If the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors delegates the authority to award bids to an Executive Director of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority for public works projects costing less than or equal to \$75,500.00, the Executive Director shall have the authority to award public works contracts without Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors approval, provided that the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall ratify the Executive Director's approval at the next scheduled Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors meeting by means of the meeting agenda. For public works projects costing more than \$75,500.00, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall award all public works contracts.
  - c) For the Cowlitz 911 Authority Radio Project, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors delegates the authority to award bids to an Executive Director of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority for materials, supplies, or equipment costing less than or equal to \$350,000, the Executive Director shall have the authority to award public works contracts without Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors approval, provided that the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall ratify the Executive Director's approval at the next scheduled Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors meeting by means of the meeting agenda. For materials, supplies, or equipment costing more than \$350,000, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall award all public works contracts.
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**Section 4. Consulting Services Roster.** The following consulting services roster procedures are established for use by the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority pursuant to RCW 39.80.030:

1. **Consulting Services.** Consulting services are professional services that have a primarily intellectual output or product and include architectural and engineering services as defined in RCW 39.80.020.
2. **Publication.** At least once a year, MRSC shall, on behalf of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority, publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality's jurisdiction a notice of the existence of the consulting services roster and solicit the names of consultants for the consulting services roster. MRSC shall add responsible consultants to the consulting services roster at any time that a consultant completes the online application provided by MRSC, upload a Statement of Qualifications, and meets minimum State requirements for roster listing.
3. **Review and Selection of the Statement of Qualifications Proposals.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority shall use the following process to select the most highly qualified Architectural or Engineering firm off of the Consulting Services Roster to provide the required services:



- a) The Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall establish criteria that the Executive Director, or designee, must consider in evaluating Architectural or Engineering firms for a given project. Such criteria shall include a plan to insure that minority and women-owned firms and veteran-owned firms are afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for and obtain public contracts for architectural or engineering services. The level of participation by minority and women-owned firms and veteran-owned firms shall be consistent with their general availability within the jurisdiction of the County.
- b) The Executive Director, or designee, shall evaluate the written statements of qualifications and performance data on file with the County at the time that architectural or engineering services are required;
- c) Such evaluations shall be based on the criteria established by the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors; and
- d) The Executive Director, or designee, shall conduct discussions with one or more firms regarding anticipated concepts and the relative utility of alternative methods of approach for furnishing the required services.
- e) The firm deemed most highly qualified by the agency to do the project will be selected.

#### 4. **Award.**

- a) The Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors considers the proposal received and awards the contract; or
- b) If the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors delegates the authority to award projects to an Executive Director of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority for consulting services costing less than or equal to \$75,500, the Executive Director shall have the authority to award contracts for consulting services without Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors approval, provided that the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall ratify the Executive Director's approval at the next scheduled Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors meeting by means of the meeting agenda. For consulting services costing more than \$75,500, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall award all contracts for consulting services.

**Section 5. Vendor List Roster.** The following vendor list roster procedures are established for use by the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority pursuant to RCW 39.04.190:

- 1. **Purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment not connected to a public works project.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority is not required to use formal sealed bidding procedures to purchase materials, supplies, or equipment not connected to a public works project where the cost is between \$75,500 and \$150,000.00. The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority will attempt to obtain the lowest practical price for such goods and services.

**For the purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment for Cowlitz 911 Radio project,** the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority is not required to use formal sealed bidding procedures and may, in lieu of bidding, procure materials, supplies, or equipment through federal, state, and local interlocal agreements with the



lead bidding agency, cooperative purchasing options that were secured through federal, state, and local competitive purchasing procedures. The Executive Director shall have the authority to award contracts for services, and authorize procurements for equipment or supplies without Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors approval, provided that the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall ratify the Executive Director's approval at the next scheduled Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors meeting by means of the meeting agenda.

2. **Publication.** At least twice per year, MRSC shall, on behalf of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority, publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality's jurisdiction a notice of the existence of the vendor list roster and solicit the names of vendors for the vendor list roster. MRSC shall add responsible vendors to the vendor list roster at any time when a vendor completes the online application provided by MRSC, and meets minimum State requirements for roster listing.

3. **Telephone, Written, or Electronic Quotations.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority shall use the following process to obtain telephone or written quotations from vendors for the purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment not connected to a public works project:

- a) A written description shall be drafted of the specific materials, supplies, or equipment to be purchased, including the number, quantity, quality, and type desired, the proposed delivery date, and any other significant terms of purchase;
- b) The Executive Director, or designee, shall make a good faith effort to contact at least three (3) of the vendors on the roster to obtain telephone or written quotations from the vendors for the required materials, supplies, or equipment;
- c) The Executive Director, or designee, shall not share telephone or written quotations received from one vendor with other vendors soliciting for the bid to provide the materials, supplies, or equipment;
- d) A written record shall be made by the Executive Director, or designee, of each vendor's bid on the material, supplies, or equipment, and of any conditions imposed on the bid by such vendor;

4. **Determining the Lowest Responsible Bidder.** The Cowlitz 911 Public Authority shall purchase the materials, supplies, or equipment from the lowest responsible bidder, provided that whenever there is reason to believe that the lowest acceptable bid is not the best price obtainable, all bids may be rejected and the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority may call for new bids.

5. **Award.** All of the bids or quotations shall be collected by the Executive Director or designee. The Executive Director, or designee, shall create a written record of all bids or quotations received, which shall be made open to public inspection or telephone inquiry after the award of the contract. Any contract awarded under this subsection need not be advertised.

- a) The Executive Director, or designee, shall then present all bids or quotations and their recommendation for award of the contract to the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors. The Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall consider all bids or quotations received, determine the lowest responsible bidder, and award the contract; or
- b) If the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors delegates the authority to award bids to an Executive Director of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority for materials, supplies, or



equipment costing less than or equal to \$75,500.00, the Executive Director shall have the authority to award public works contracts without Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors approval, provided that the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall ratify the Executive Director's approval at the next scheduled Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors meeting by means of the meeting agenda. For materials, supplies, or equipment costing more than \$350,000, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall award all vendor contracts.

- c) For the Cowlitz 911 Authority Radio Project, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors delegates the authority to award bids to an Executive Director of the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority for materials, supplies, or equipment costing less than or equal to \$350,000, the Executive Director shall have the authority to award public works contracts without Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors approval, provided that the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall ratify the Executive Director's approval at the next scheduled Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors meeting by means of the meeting agenda. For materials, supplies, or equipment costing more than \$350,000, the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors shall award all vendor contracts.

6. **Posting.** A list of all contracts awarded under these procedures shall be posted at Cowlitz 911 Public Authority main administrative offices once every two months. The list shall contain the name of the vendor awarded the contract, the amount of the contract, a brief description of the items purchased, and the date it was awarded.

**ADOPTED**, by the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 and becomes effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.


#### **COWLITZ 911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

  
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Briana Harvill

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