

News Release

New construction bid and bid evaluation standards passed by Board of Commissioners

Board adopts new county purchasing policy in bipartisan vote

January 27, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. –The Board of Commissioners recently approved a new purchasing policy for county construction projects, which will require responsible bidder and improved bid evaluation standards.

“There are many considerations that should be taken into account when awarding work for any public project,” Commissioner **William Miller** (D-Farmington), who introduced the policy, said. “Cost is of the utmost importance, but so is the responsibility of awarding any work to companies and individuals that represent the integrity we should hold ourselves to, in terms of professionalism, safety and the way we treat employees.”

The Responsible Bidder and Best Value Bid Evaluation Standards for Construction Projects policy ensures that a bidder’s value is emphasized over price. It also requires that responsibility qualifications are used in the evaluation and selection of bids. These qualifications include, but are not limited to quality, references, experience, proposed schedule, safety, time and cost.

“Oakland County is applying industry best practices for new county construction projects with the new responsible bidder and best value bid evaluation standards,” Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak) said. “This new policy ensures that we get the best value and best quality, and it makes sure that the work is done with the best trained workers on all future building projects.”

Woodward supported the new policy. He also worked with Miller and county administration to develop it.

“The introduction of ‘responsible bidder’ language is so important because it helps us scrutinize awarded public monies,” Miller said. “We will know that those who would complete work for our citizens are truly

deserving and best represent the ideals and ethics of our community. We are proud to introduce this language and help ensure Oakland County does its best for its residents as well as those who would work for us.”

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Quick Facts

Responsible Bidder and Best Value Bid Evaluation Standards for Construction Projects Policy

Date of introduction: December 12, 2019

Referred to: Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee

Final vote total: 14 ayes and 6 nays

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