FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-199

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY WASHINGTON

PROCUREMENT FROM OR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.32.090, whenever authorized by ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority any political subdivision of the state shall have power to purchase supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, notwithstanding any law or charter provision to the contrary, and

WHEREAS, as the federal government’s purchasing agent, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provides centralized procurement for the federal government, offering billions of dollars worth of products, services, and facilities that federal agencies need to serve the public, and

WHEREAS, through the U.S. General Administration (GSA), state, local, tribal governments and educational institutions may utilize specific programs to buy goods and services, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and finds the purchase of supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, as being in the best interest of Franklin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Franklin County Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the GSA without calling for bids,

APPROVED this 15th day of September, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chair

Brad Peck
Approved Telephonically

Chair Pro Tem

Member

Attest: Clerk of the Board

Clerk of the Board

Original: Clerk of the Board

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Hello Commander Rochleau,

I checked with our procurement specialist and found out the following:

“Federal GSA contracts are covered under RCW 39.32.090, that allows for use of GSA contracts. RCW 39.32.090 states, "Whenever authorized by ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority any political subdivision of the state shall have power to purchase supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, notwithstanding any law or charter provision to the contrary."

All the County has to do is pass an ordinance or resolution authorizing the use of GSA contracts and they can waive the competitive bidding requirements."

You will just need to check to confirm if the County has already passed on ordinance or resolution authorizing the use of GSA contracts, and if they have not then this would need to happen prior to making the purchase.

Thank you,

Brad

From: Rick Rochleau <rochleau@co.franklin.wa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:35 AM
To: White, Bradley (SAO) <whitebd@sao.wa.gov>
Subject: Purchasing

Mr. White,

I was told you might be able to answer my question about purchasing. I was tasked with making a purchase that is unique to public safety. I have been told by more than one person that we can make purchases from the Federal GSA contracts without going out to bid, like we do when we purchase off the state contract. Is this correct?

Commander Rick A. Rochleau
Agenda Summary Report (ASR)
Franklin County Board of Commissioners 2020-199

DATE SUBMITTED: September 9, 2020  PREPARED BY: Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director
Meeting Date Requested: September 15, 2020  PRESENTED BY: Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director

ITEM: (Select One)  X Consent Agenda  □ Brought Before the Board
Time needed: N/A

SUBJECT: Procurement from or through the United States Government via U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct fiscal impact from the approval of this recommended action.

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to RCW 39.32.090, whenever authorized by ordinance or resolution of its legislative authority any political subdivision of the state shall have power to purchase supplies, materials, electronic data processing and telecommunication equipment, software, services, and/or equipment from or through the United States government without calling for bids, notwithstanding any law or charter provision to the contrary.

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Through the U.S. General Administration (GSA), state, local, tribal governments and educational institutions may utilize the following programs to buy goods and services:

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<td>Cooperative Purchasing Program</td>
<td>IT, security, and law enforcement products, services, and solutions that support everyday activities and your overall mission are available through Schedule 70 and Schedule 84.</td>
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<td>Disaster Purchasing Program</td>
<td>Products and services under all Schedules are available, when buying in support of disaster preparation, response, and major disaster recovery, as well as recovery from biological, radiological, or terrorist attacks.</td>
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<td>Public Health Emergencies</td>
<td>Products and services offered under all Schedules when spending federal grants funds in direct response to public health emergencies.</td>
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<td>1122 Program</td>
<td>Equipment to support counterdrug missions, homeland security, and emergency response from General Services Administration (GSA), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and Department of Defense (DoD) sources of supply. Equipment from GSA sources is limited to specific Schedules and specific vehicles available from GSA’s AutoChoice Program. Contact your State Point of Contact (SPOC) for the 1122 program [PDF - 33 KB].</td>
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RECOMMENDATION: Approve attached resolution.

COORDINATION: This item was discussed with Commander Rick A. Rochleau, and was reviewed by Jennifer Johnson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Commander Rochleau sent an inquiry to the State Auditor’s Office in which he received guidance (SEE ATTACHED).

Revised: October 2017
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ATTACHMENTS:
1. DRAFT Resolution
2. Email Correspondence between Commander Rochleau and the SAO

HANDLING / ROUTING:
1. Copy of Resolution to all Elected Officials / Department Heads

I certify the above information is accurate and complete.

__________________________ Matt Mahoney, Public Works Director