



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE amending the threshold for competitive bidding requirements for the lease or purchase of tangible personal property or services and the threshold for direct voucher purchases; and amending Ordinance 12138, Section 8, and K.C.C. 4.16.030 and Ordinance 12138, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.16.095.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 12138, Section 8, and K.C.C. 4.16.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Exceptions to bidding for the lease or purchase of tangible personal property and services or the solicitation of proposals and qualifications and subsequent purchase of either or both professional and ~~((or))~~ technical service. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.32.245 ~~((, RCW))~~ and 36.32.253 and this chapter, the executive is granted authority to let any contract, lease or purchase of tangible personal property or services ~~(())~~, other than professional or technical services ~~(())~~, involving less than twenty-five thousand dollars, without advertisement and without formal, sealed bidding. The executive is also granted the authority to let any contract for the purchase of professional or technical services without a formal solicitation of proposal process where the value of the contract to the consultant will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. When leasing or purchasing tangible personal property or services ~~(())~~, other than professional or technical services ~~(())~~, between ~~((two))~~ five thousand ~~((five hundred))~~ dollars and twenty-five thousand dollars, the executive shall be responsible for securing either telephone ~~((and/))~~ or written quotations, or both, from vendors or prospective contractors to assure establishment of a competitive price, and for awarding such contracts to the

lowest responsible bidder or proposer. When awarding a professional or technical services contract having a value to the contractor of less than twenty-five thousand dollars, the executive shall obtain proposals from similarly qualified proposers to ensure a competitive process, and strive to select the most qualified proposer, having given due regard to experience and expertise and other relevant factors~~((;))~~, and ~~((provided further, that~~ ~~))~~ after the award of any contract pursuant to this section, the bids or proposals obtained shall be recorded and open to public inspection and shall be available by telephone inquiry.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 12138, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.16.095 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Direct voucher purchases by individual departments and offices shall not exceed ~~((two))~~ five thousand ~~((five hundred))~~ dollars without approval by ordinance passed by the council.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the manager to report to the council no later than April 30~~((th))~~ of each year direct voucher activity for the previous year on a department-by-department basis. ~~((Said))~~ The report shall include, but not be limited to, an identification of problems regarding inappropriate use of direct vouchering and corrective actions implemented by the executive.