

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON,  
ON THE SUBJECTS OF ESTABLISHING A SMALL PUBLIC  
WORKS ROSTER PROCESS TO AWARD PUBLIC WORKS  
CONTRACTS, AND A CONSULTING SERVICES ROSTER FOR  
ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES.**

**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**, in order to be able to implement small works roster processes, the City is required by law to adopt a resolution establishing specific procedures;

**WHEREAS**, RCW 39.80.030 requires that an agency publish in advance that agency's requirement for professional services and that one of the ways to accomplish that notification is to announce generally to the public its projected requirements for any category or type of professional services and request qualification statements to be kept on file with the agency; NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON,  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Resolution No. 2004-06 is hereby repealed.

**Section 2. MRSC Rosters.** The City wishes to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) to have their official rosters hosted in the online database for City use for small public works contracts and consulting services developed and maintained by MRSC and authorizes the Mayor to sign that contract.

**Section 3. Small Public Works Roster**

The following small works roster procedures are established for use by the City pursuant to RCW 39.04.155:

1. **Cost.** The City 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), which includes the costs of labor, material, equipment and sales and/or use taxes as applicable. Instead, the City may use the Small Public Works Roster procedures for public works projects as set forth herein. 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, on behalf of the City, MRSC shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction a notice of the existence of the roster or rosters and solicit the names of contractors for such roster or rosters. Responsible contractors shall be added to appropriate MRSC Roster(s)

at any time that they complete the online application and meet minimum State requirements for roster listing.

3. **Telephone, Written, or Electronic Quotations.** The City 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) and may establish supplementary bidder criteria under RCW 39.04.350 (2)

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 City may not favor certain contractors on the appropriate small works roster over other contractors on the appropriate small works roster who perform similar services.

If the estimated cost of the work is from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), the City 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. The City 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 City 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 City 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 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), the City 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 City 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 City 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 City shall have the right of recovery against the contractor for any payments made on the contractor's behalf.

The City 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 City Council 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 [City Council may call for new bids. A responsible bidder shall be a registered and/or licensed contractor who meets the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria established by RCW 39.04.350 and who meets any supplementary bidder responsibility criteria established by the City under RCW 39.04.350.

6. **Award.** The Mayor or his designee shall present all telephone quotations/bids and recommendation for award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder to the City Council. However, for public works projects under Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), the Mayor shall have the authority to award public works contracts without City Council approval, provided that the City Council shall ratify the Mayor's approval at the next scheduled City Council meeting. For public works projects over Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), the City Council shall award all public works contracts.

#### **Section 4. Consulting Services Roster**

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, on behalf of the City, MRSC shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction a notice of the existence

of the consulting services roster or rosters and solicit statements of qualifications from firms providing consulting services. Such advertisements will include information on how to find the address and telephone number of a representative of the City who can provide further details as to the City's projected needs for consulting services. Firms or persons providing consulting services may complete the online application at any time and be listed if they meet the minimum State requirements. .

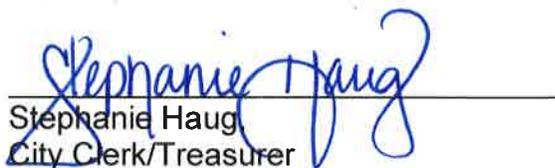
3. **Professional Architectural and Engineering Services.** The MRSC Rosters will distinguish between professional architectural and engineering services as defined in RCW 39.80.020 and other consulting services and will announce generally to the public the City's projected requirements for any category or type of professional or other consulting services. The City reserves the right to publish an announcement on each occasion when professional services or other consulting services are required by the agency and to use paper and/or other electronic rosters that may be kept on file by appropriate City departments.

**ADOPTED** this 19 day of November, 2013, by the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, and signed in authentication of its passage this 19 day of November, 2013.

Resolution 2013-27 filed and recorded in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Benton City, Washington, this 19 day of November, 2013.

  
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Lloyd R. Carnahan,  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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Stephanie Haug  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

  
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Kerr Law Group,  
Attorneys for the City



(b) Consultant Roster. The Public Agency will use the Consultant Roster to select businesses for consultant projects, and will do so in accord with all applicable laws and regulations. The Public Agency shall be independently responsible for its own and the selected business' compliance with all additional or varying laws and regulations governing services, including all selection laws, and any other requirements as appropriate.

The Public Agency shall be independently responsible, consistent with applicable laws and its own policies and practices, for the determination that the selected businesses are responsible. The Public Agency also shall be independently responsible to conduct a consultant selection process consistent with applicable statutes, ordinances, and the requirements of the Public Agency and to enter into a contract directly with the business thus selected.

(c) Access to MRSC Rosters. MRSC shall make the MRSC Rosters and associated applications and qualifications for each available to the Public Agency by providing it with a user name and password for access to MRSC's online database MRSC Rosters.

4. Compensation of Businesses. The Public Agency shall be independently responsible for payments to any business that is selected as a result of its use of MRSC Rosters. The Public Agency shall make all such payments directly to the businesses selected by the Public Agency.

5. Effective Date and Term. This Contract shall be effective for a period of one year as of the publication date for the first MRSC biannual advertisement in January or June after the signing of the membership contract by both parties. MRSC will notify the Public Agency of the publication dates of each biannual legal notice the week prior to the publication dates. This Contract may be cancelled by either party as provided in Section 10.

6. Compensation of MRSC. The Public Agency will pay MRSC an annual membership fee in the amount of \$<sup>120.00</sup> based on the Public Agency's total capital expenditures for the most recent complete fiscal year for the services under this Contract. Total capital expenditures for cities are the total of BARS code lines 594 and 595 and similar BARS codes for other public agencies. The amount will be paid in full prior to the publication by MRSC of the first biannual legal notice after the signing of the Contract, which will be either in January or June for the MRSC Rosters, and on the subsequent anniversary dates of the publication date.

Total Capital Expenditures*	Annual Membership Fee
Less than 5	\$120
5 to 10	\$240
10 to 15	\$360
15 to 25	\$480
25 to 50	\$600
More than 50	\$900

\*Total capital expenditures in millions

7. Relationship of Parties. MRSC agrees that it will perform the services under this Contract as an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, or servant of the Public Agency. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to render the parties partners or joint venturers.

8. Limitation of MRSC Liability. MRSC shall not be, directly or impliedly, a party to any contract with small works, consulting, or vendor businesses into which the Public Agency may enter as a result of the Public Agency's use of the MRSC Rosters. MRSC does not accept responsibility or liability for the performance of any business used by the Public Agency as a result of its use of the MRSC Rosters.

9. Hold Harmless and Indemnification. Each party shall defend, indemnify, and hold the other party harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses, or suits, including attorney fees, arising from any negligent act or omission that party's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents in connection with the performance of this Contract.

10. Termination. This Contract may be terminated, with or without cause, by written notice of either party to the other. Termination shall be effective thirty (30) days after written notice. Termination of the contract by the Public Agency does not entitle the Public Agency to a refund of the membership fee prorated as to the time remaining in the contract term following termination.

11. Non-assignment. MRSC shall not subcontract or assign any of the rights, duties, or obligations imposed upon it by this Contract without the prior express written consent of the Public Agency.

12. Governing Law and Venue. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

13. Authority. Each signatory to this Contract represents that he or she has full and sufficient authority to execute this Contract on behalf of MRSC or the Public Agency, as the case may be, and that upon execution of this Contract it shall constitute a binding obligation of MRSC or the Public Agency, as the case may be.

14. Severability. Should any clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph of this Contract be declared invalid or void, the remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

15. Complete Agreement. This Contract constitutes the entire understanding of the parties. Any written or verbal agreements that are not set forth herein or incorporated herein by reference are expressly excluded.

16. Contacts. For purposes of Contract administration, the Public Agency designates the following contacts:

Primary Contact:

Name: Stephanie Haug  
Title: City Clerk/Treasurer  
Email: cclerk@owt.com  
Telephone: 509-588-3322  
Facsimile: 509-588-3323

Alternative Contact:

Name: Lloyd Carnahan  
Title: Mayor  
Email: cclerk@owt.com  
Telephone: 509-588-3322  
Facsimile: 509-588-3323

17. Signatures. By signing this Contract, the signatories below certify that they have the authority to enter into this Contract, that they agree to payment of fees in accordance with the stated Public Agency Fee Structure and that they agree that the Public Agency shall be bound by and adhere to the Terms and Conditions stated.

MRSC

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Executive Director  
[Title]

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[Date]

PUBLIC AGENCY

  
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Mayor  
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11-20-13  
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Submit signed contract with annual membership fee to:  
MRSC Rosters  
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