



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

RESOLUTION 2022-12
October 11, 2022

MRSC ROSTERS MODEL SMALL PUBLIC WORKS, CONSULTANT, and VENDOR ROSTERS RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE Board of Fire Commissioners OF Pierce County Fire District No. 5 doing business as Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One (“Fire District”), 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 5 doing business as Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution No. 2012-03 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. MRSC Rosters. The Fire District wishes to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) to have their official rosters hosted in the online database for Fire District use for small public works contracts, consulting services, and vendor services developed and maintained by MRSC through MRSC Rosters (hereinafter the “Rosters” collectively). The Fire Chief may execute said contract(s) for use of the Rosters.

Section 3. Small Public Works Roster. The following small works roster procedures are established for use by the Fire District pursuant to RCW 39.04.155:

1. **Cost.** The Fire District 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 limit established for the small works roster process in RCW 39.04.155 or other authorizing agency statute, which

includes the costs of labor, material, equipment, sales, or use taxes as applicable. Instead, the Fire District 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 Fire District, 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 Fire District 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 Fire District 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 Fire District 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 two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) up to the authorized threshold for use of the small works roster process in RCW 39.04.155 or other authorizing agency statute, the Fire District 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 Fire District 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 Fire District 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 Fire District 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.** The Fire District may award a contract for work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement projects using the limited public works process if the project cost is equal to or less than the amount established in RCW 39.04.155 (3). For a limited public works project, the Fire District 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 Fire District 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 Fire District shall have the right of recovery against the contractor for any payments made on the contractor's behalf.

The Fire District 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 Board of Fire Commissioners 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 Board of Fire Commissioners 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 responsibly criteria established by the Fire District.

6. **Award.** All of the bids or quotations shall be collected by the Fire Chief or his designee.
 - a) The Fire Chief or his designee shall then present all bids or quotations and their recommendation for award of the contract to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall consider all bids or quotations received, determine the lowest responsible bidder, and award the contract; or
 - b) If the Board of Fire Commissioners delegates the authority to award bids to an Fire Chief of the Fire District for public works projects costing less than or equal to \$25,000, the Fire Chief shall have the authority to award public works contracts without Board of Fire Commissioners approval, provided that the Board of Fire Commissioners shall ratify the Fire Chief's approval at the next scheduled Board of Fire Commissioners meeting by means of the agenda.

Section 4. Consulting Services Roster. The following consulting services roster procedures are established for use by the Fire District 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 Fire District, 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 Fire District 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 Board of Fire Commissioners shall establish criteria that the Fire Chief, or their designee, must consider in evaluating Architectural or Engineering firms for a given project. Such criteria shall include a plan to ensure 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 [Pierce County Fire District No. 5 doing business as Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One]

- b) The Fire Chief, or their designee, shall evaluate the written statements of qualifications and performance data on file with the [Pierce County Fire District No. 5 doing business as Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One] at the time that architectural or engineering services are required;
- c) Such evaluations shall be based on the criteria established by the Board of Fire Commissioners; and
- d) The Fire Chief, or their 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 Board of Fire Commissioners considers the proposal received and awards the contract; or
- b) If the Board of Fire Commissioners delegates the authority to award projects to an Fire Chief of the Fire District for consulting services costing less than or equal to \$25,000, the Fire Chief shall have the authority to award contracts for consulting services without Board of Fire Commissioners approval, provided that the Board of Fire Commissioners shall ratify the Fire Chief's approval at the next scheduled Board of Fire Commissioners meeting by means of the consent agenda.

Section 5. Vendor List Roster. The following vendor list roster procedures are established for use by the Fire District pursuant to RCW 39.04.190:

- 1. **Purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment not connected to a public works project.** The Fire District 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 will not exceed the statutory threshold of the Fire District as provided in RCW 52.14.110. The Fire District will attempt to obtain the lowest practical price for such goods and services.
- 2. **Publication.** At least twice per year, MRSC shall, on behalf of the Fire District, 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 Fire District 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 Fire Chief, or their 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 Fire Chief, or their 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 Fire Chief, or their 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 Fire District 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 Fire District may call for new bids.
5. **Award.** All of the bids or quotations shall be collected by the Fire Chief or his designee. The Fire Chief, or their 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 Fire Chief, or their designee, shall then present all bids or quotations and their recommendation for award of the contract to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall consider all bids or quotations received, determine the lowest responsible bidder, and award the contract; or
 - b) If the Board of Fire Commissioners delegates the authority to award bids to an Fire Chief of the Fire District for materials, supplies, or equipment costing less than or equal to the statutory threshold of the agency as provided in RCW RCW 52.14.110, the Fire Chief shall have the authority to award public works contracts

without Board of Fire Commissioners approval, provided that the Board of Fire Commissioners shall ratify the Fire Chief’s approval at the next scheduled Board of Fire Commissioners meeting by means of the consent agenda. For materials, supplies or equipment costing more than the statutory threshold of the Fire District as provided in RCW 52.14.110, the Board of Fire Commissioners shall award all vendor contracts.

- 6. **Posting.** A list of all contracts awarded under these procedures shall be posted at Fire District 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.

Section 6. Authority. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Fire Chief’s authority, in the event of an *emergency*, to award contracts exceeding applicable dollar thresholds, without Board approval. For purposes of this section, "emergency" means unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Fire District that either: (a) Present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken. Said contracts must be ratified by the Board of Fire Commissioners at its next regular meeting, if feasible.

Applicable bid law thresholds shall still apply irrespective of this Section 6, with the Fire Chief having the authority to award contracts without competitive bidding pursuant to RCW 39.04.280.

Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Pierce County Fire District No. 5, this 25th day +of October, 2022.

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