

Resolution No.: 16-532
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND**

By: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment Committee

SUBJECT: FY09 Work Program for the Interagency Procurement Coordination Committee

Background

1. The County Council recognizes that diversity exists among procurement program laws, regulations, policies, and procedures of Montgomery County agencies.
2. The County Council also recognizes that savings potentially could be achieved through increased coordination of procurement efforts, increased information sharing, and other means to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
3. To meet these needs, the County Council, on May 31, 1988, established the Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee through Resolution No. 11-835.
4. Resolution No. 11-835 requires the Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee to prepare a work program each fiscal year.
5. On April 23, 2008, the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment Committee reviewed the FY09 Work Program for the Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee and recommended approval.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County Maryland approves the following resolution:

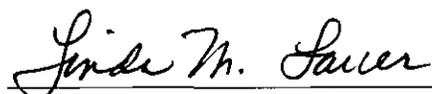
The FY09 Work Program for the Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee is as follows:

1. Provide coordinated training in areas of Adding Value to the Procurement Process, Ethics, The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence, and The Diversity Advantage, contracting, negotiations, insurance and bonding, general and specialized procurement, the certification of Procurement Specialists and other related procurement and leadership topics.

2. Continue cooperative solicitations within the Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public Schools will also participate in joint purchasing and bridge contracts with their respective educational and professional associations.
3. Continue to review contract boiler plate "Terms and Conditions", as necessary. Continue to review bids, proposals, and contract documents to maintain a Terms and Conditions Reference Library.
4. Continue to share information on vendor lists as related to specific commodities, services, and construction. In a unified outreach to the local business community, IPCC members intend to work with the Department of Economic Development and regional chambers of commerce to plan and conduct a reverse trade show at which county and other public agencies will exhibit to the business community. This will provide an opportunity for the business community to gain introductions to agencies and become more familiar with programs, plans, and policies of those agencies with which they are more likely to deal. In addition, many members will be participating in a state-wide reverse trade show being planned by Maryland Public Purchasing Association in October of 2007, as well as the Baltimore Washington Chamber of Commerce. Together with ongoing cooperation and sharing of vendor information, these programs will help members become more familiar with the resources and business opportunities available within Montgomery County to address identified requirements.
5. Develop a central vendor registration system that will be shared by all members. This will eliminate the current fragmented process under which vendors must register separately with each member, increasing the likelihood of inconsistencies or omission of important company information. This will be part of a comprehensive plan by Montgomery County procurement to implement an online contract register and bidding tool to ensure open information and easier access to the public procurement process.
6. Engage in the cooperative development of a "green procurement" policy among the agencies that encourages cost-effective acquisition of goods, while reducing resource consumption and solid and hazardous waste generation.

The Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee will provide a written annual report to the County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee in the Spring of 2009.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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