

**MONROE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
BEST VALUE PURCHASING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law requires a resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners to authorize the use of a Best Value contract award methodology, in the competitive bidding process for purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article Eight of the Labor Law) which may be awarded on the basis of low bid or Best Value, as authorized in Section 103 of the General Municipal Law and as defined in Section 163 of the State Finance Law, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of this resolution provides additional procurement options to the Fire District in ways that may expedite the procurement process and result in cost savings, and

WHEREAS, the “Best Value” standard for selecting goods and services vendors, including janitorial and security contracts, is critical to efforts to use strategic sourcing principles to modernize the supply chain and ensure that taxpayers obtain the highest quality goods and services at the lowest potential cost, while also ensuring fairness to all competitors, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes taxpayers are not well served when a public procurement results in low unit costs at the outset, but ultimately engenders cost escalations due to factors such as inferior quality, poor reliability and difficulty of maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Best Value procurement links the procurement process directly to the fire district’s performance requirements, incorporating selection factors such as useful lifespan, quality and options and incentives for more timely performance and/or additional services, and

WHEREAS, “Best Value” means the basis for awarding contracts for services to the offeror which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible offerors, and

WHEREAS, such basis shall reflect, wherever possible, objective and quantifiable analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District shall follow the bidding requirements of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law and the Fire District’s Procurement Policy when utilizing the Best Value award methodology, and

WHEREAS, in addition, when the Best Value methodology is to be used for a purchase the bid documents shall provide a basis to evaluate the bids under the best value requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Best Value methodology shall be included in the Fire District's Purchasing and Procurement Policy, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Monroe Joint Fire District hereby authorizes the use of a Best Value award methodology, in the competitive bidding process, where appropriate, including piggyback bids under Section 103 subdivision 16 of the General Municipal Law, for purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article Eight of the Labor Law) which may now be awarded on the basis of low bid or Best Value, as authorized in Section 103 of the General Municipal Law and as defined in Section 163 of the State Finance Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire District's Purchasing and Procurement Policy is hereby deemed amended to the extent that this resolution shall be deemed a part thereof and incorporated therein.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Monroe, New York
May 27, 2021