

PURCHASING DIVISION

Vendors are encouraged to meet with Purchasing Division staff and become better acquainted with City procurement procedures. If you would like to meet with someone from the Division of Purchasing (*reference back page*), we ask that you call first and make an appointment. We discourage drop in calls, as it is difficult for us to insure that we will always be available to meet with you. The Purchasing Division is located on the second floor of the City Hall Building, 900 E Strawbridge Avenue, in Downtown Melbourne.

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY

It is the intent of the City of Melbourne to procure necessary equipment and services at the lowest possible cost, consistent with the quality needed to meet the requirements of the City. Every purchase should be made in the public's interest and provide all vendors a fair and equal opportunity to compete. The City accomplishes this through informal quotes and formal bids and proposals.

ETHICS

City of Melbourne personnel subscribe to and support a high level of ethical and moral conduct. City policy prohibits the acceptance of gifts or gratuities of any kind.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The City of Melbourne Purchasing Division maintains memberships in the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers (FAPPO).

INSURANCE

In cases where a vendor is providing a service on City property, it may be necessary to provide a *Certificate of Insurance* (COI) naming the City as the additional insured. The COI must be approved and on file before commencing any work for the City.

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City of Melbourne

PURCHASING DIVISION
Financial Services Department



The Harbor City

VENDOR'S GUIDE TO PURCHASING

**900 East Strawbridge Avenue
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www.melbourneflorida.org

PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS

All purchases of equipment, materials, supplies, and services must be made in accordance with the rules and regulations as specified in the City of Melbourne Code of Ordinances and the Purchasing Manual. These requirements are as follows:

Small Purchase (up to \$1,000) – Price data is obtained by departments or divisions from previous purchases, from Onvia™ (*see Bid Information below*), or by telephone or fax from vendors.

Open Market Purchase (\$1,000 ~ \$7,500) - Informal written quotations are solicited by departments or divisions from at least three bidders.

Formal Bids/Proposals (over \$7,500) – Formal sealed bids (ITBs)/proposals (RFPs) are solicited by the Purchasing Division requiring public notice, public opening, and formal award.

Bid Waiver – Formal bidding may be waived for: (1) Purchase from *governmental entity*; (2) *Sole source procurement*; and (3) *Emergency purchase*, when there exists a threat to public health, safety, or welfare.

BID INFORMATION

Vendors who want to determine which goods and services are being sought by the City may view information in several ways:

- (1) Bids/quotes are posted on a *bulletin board* in the Purchasing Division at City Hall.
- (2) Bids/proposals are *published* in the Florida Today newspaper (legal ad section).
- (3) Bids/quotes are *posted* on the City's website www.melbourneflorida.org. Click on City Services and follow the Purchasing link.

Bids/quotes are solicited electronically on www.demandstar.com and available for viewing and downloading and/or printing. The

City has a contract with Onvia network to host the City's bid list and provide services to vendors for a fee. Contact Onvia at 1-800-711-1712 for information.

Vendors may also receive information by submitting a completed Bidder Mailing List Application Form. Up to nine classification codes may be selected.

BID OPENINGS

Bid openings are conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 pm, in the Second Floor Conference Room (Room 203), City Hall, 900 E Strawbridge Avenue, in Downtown Melbourne. A sealed bid document must be received in the Purchasing Division and time stamped before 3:00 pm local time, on the day of the specified bid opening - facsimile bids will not be accepted. If a bidder finds that they made a mistake in their bid, they may correct the mistake before the time of bid opening. After the bid opening, all bids must stand as submitted. Unless the proposal specifically indicates a lump sum price, unit prices will govern. Vendors are invited to attend the public opening, which commences promptly at 3:00 pm on the day stated.

If required by the specifications, a bid bond must accompany the bid. Additionally, a performance bond may be required prior to award of contract.

A pre-bid conference is held on some solicitations to familiarize the bidder with the requirements presented by the City's specifications. Addenda may be issued to the bid based on the discussions that take place during this meeting. Attendance at some pre-bid meetings may be *mandatory* and will preclude the bidder from bidding if not attended.

LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

The City extends preference to those vendors, contractors, or service providers, who maintain a valid Local Business Tax Receipt, issued by either

the City of Melbourne or Brevard County, at least one (1) year prior to bid submission; and, whose business address is located within the City limits of Melbourne or boundaries of Brevard County. A 5% preference is given to qualified City vendors and a 2% preference is given to qualified Brevard County vendors. Local bidders, whose bid is within 5% or 2% respectively, of the lowest responsive, responsible non-local bid, shall be given an opportunity to match the lowest bid pricing.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Signed purchase orders containing a purchase order number is the primary method of obligating the City. Purchases by City employees may also be accomplished via the use of petty cash, check requests, purchasing card, or express purchase orders. Purchase commitments for other than those listed above, are considered as *unauthorized purchases*. Invoices for unauthorized purchases may not be honored.

The City of Melbourne desires that all items ordered are delivered FOB destination, as ownership will not be accepted until items are received as ordered. All packages or shipping containers must bear the purchase order number and the ship-to location, as indicated on the purchase order.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

After delivery of products and/or services ordered, the vendor must submit an original itemized invoice (*in duplicate*) to City of Melbourne Accounting Division, 900 E Strawbridge Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32901. All invoices must bear the purchase order number. Payment will be made within 45 days of invoice receipt. The City is exempt from all Federal, State, and Local Tax. Our Federal Excise Number is 59-6000-371 and our State of Florida Sales Tax Exempt Number is 85-8012621638C-2.