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Chapter 300 Public Bidding

- **Section 010 Chapter Purpose**
 - The purpose of this chapter is to adopt bidding procedures on public projects in accordance with Article 9 of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Government Code. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)
- **Section 020 Public Project Defined**
 - As used in this chapter, "public project" means:
 - A. A project for the erection, improvement, and repair of public buildings and works;
 - B. Works in or about streams, waterfronts, embankments, or other work for protection against overflow, except maintenance, repair or reconstruction work;
 - C. Supplies and materials used in maintenance, repair or reconstruction work in or about streams, waterfronts, embankments, or other maintenance, repair or reconstruction work for protection against overflow.
(Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)
- **Section 030 Expenditures--Exclusions**
 - Expenditures for public projects shall not include the costs of:
 - A. Equipment, supplies and materials acquired by the county to enable the timely completion of public projects as defined in subsection C of Section 4.30.020 let to a contractor;
 - B. Plans, specifications, engineering, and advertising required for public projects.
(Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)
- **Section 040 Informal & Formal Bidding**

- A. Public projects between four thousand dollars and ten thousand dollars shall be let to contract by informal or formal bidding procedures. The board of supervisors shall make the choice of bidding procedures.
- B. Public projects of ten thousand dollars and more shall, in all instances, be let to contract by the formal bidding procedure.
(Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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Section 050 List of Contractors

- As soon as is practicable after the time for the renewal of contractors' licenses, the clerk of the board of supervisors shall notify each contractor in the county of the opportunity to register with the county to be subsequently notified of informal bidding proceedings. The list of contractors registering with the county shall be maintained and updated by the clerk of the board. The list of such contractors shall be a public record. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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Section 060 Notice Inviting Informal Bids--Publications

- The notice inviting informal bids shall be by published notice and may, in addition, be supplemented by mailed notice to contractors registered pursuant to Section 4.30.050. The notice shall describe in general terms the project to be done and state a closing date for submission of such informal bids. Publication of notice shall be in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the jurisdiction of the county. The notice shall be published at least once and shall be completed at least twenty-four hours before the time scheduled for the opening of the bids. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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Section 070 Notice Inviting Formal Bids

- The notices inviting formal bids shall state the time and place for the receiving and opening of sealed bids and distinctly state the project to be done. The first publication of the notice shall be at least ten days before the date of opening the bids. Notice shall be published at least twice, not less than five days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the jurisdiction of the county. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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Section 080 Acceptance or Rejection of Bids

- In all cases, the award shall be made by the board of supervisors to the lowest responsible bidder. However, in its discretion, the board may reject any and all bids presented. If, after the first invitation for bids, all bids are rejected, after reevaluating its cost estimates of the project, the board shall abandon the project or shall readvertise for bids in the manner hereinbefore prescribed. If, after advertising, the board rejects all bids presented, the board may proceed with the project by use of county personnel or may again readvertise. If two or more bids are the same and the lowest, the board may accept the one it chooses. If no bids are received, the board may have the project done without further compliance with public bidding. (Ord. 774 § 2, (part), 1982.)

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Section 090 Resolution Declaring that Project may be Performed More Economically

- Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.30.080, if, after the first invitation for bids, all bids are

rejected, the board may, after reevaluating its cost estimates of the project, pass a resolution by a four-fifths vote declaring that the project can be performed more economically by county personnel, or that, in its opinion, a contract to perform the project can be negotiated at a lower price than that in any of the bids, or the materials or supplies furnished at a lower price in the open market. Upon adoption of the resolution, the board may have the project done in the manner stated without further compliance with public bidding. (Ord. 774 § 2, (part), 1982.)

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Section 100 Adoption of Plan by Board

- The board of supervisors shall adopt plans, specifications, and working details for all public projects, the expenditure for which exceeds ten thousand dollars. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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Section 110 Examination of Plans by Bidders

- All bidders on public projects which exceed ten thousand dollars in cost shall be afforded the opportunity to examine the plans, specifications, and working details for the project. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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Section 120 Exceptions

- The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the construction of any public building used for facilities of juvenile forestry camps or juvenile homes, ranches or camps, if a major portion of the construction work is to be performed by wards of the juvenile court assigned to such camps, ranches, or homes. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to public projects employing county jail prisoners pursuant to Section 25359 of the Government Code and to public projects involving persons engaged in federal, state, or county job or work training programs. (Ord. 774 § 2 (part), 1982.)

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