

Local Preference Purchasing Policy

The Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC) believes that its purchasing policies should encourage local vendors to provide goods and/or services to the Eaton County Road Commission resulting in increased economic activity through more local jobs, tax revenues, and expenditures, and to entice business relocations to the County. Effective April 28, 2015, the ECRC is amending its purchasing policies to include a purchasing preference to qualified local vendors who respond to formal bids or proposals for the purchase of goods and/or services, issued by the Eaton County Road Commission.

A “local vendor” is defined as a vendor that operates a business within the legally defined boundaries of Eaton County. To be considered a local vendor, the vendor must provide a verifiable business address (not a PO Box) at which business is being conducted. The vendor must also agree to comply with all other policies and requirements of the ECRC.

The policy works by allowing a local vendor who submits a responsive bid that is within 10% of the lowest responsive bid to reduce its cost component to meet the lowest responsive bid, and in doing so, be considered the lowest responsive bidder; provided, however, that the initial lowest responsive bid is not from another local vendor. Having the lowest cost component, however, does not necessarily result in the award of the proposal, because of other factors also being evaluated. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in any proposal, and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the County of Eaton.

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*Suspended by the Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners on **April 12, 2016.***

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*Suspended by the Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners on **April 24, 2018.***