

LOCAL PREFERENCE: The city reserves the right to purchase commodities and services from a local business. A local business preference of no greater than 5% of the price submitted by the nonlocal business shall be granted with City Council approval. "Local Business: shall be defined as a person, firm, corporation, or other business entity maintaining a valid address within the City of Belle Isle. A business which operated through the use of a post office box or mail house shall not be eligible to qualify as a "Local Business". This Local Preference policy shall not be applied to the following circumstances:

- Purchases of Professional Services which are subject to Section 287.055, F§.
- State or Federal law prohibits the use of local preferences,
- The work is funded in whole or in part by a governmental entity where the laws, rules, regulations or policies prohibit the use of local preferences,
- The business is determined to be unqualified to perform the work as determined by the city,
- Purchases exempt from the provisions of the City of Belle Isle Procurement Policy,
- Purchases made utilizing cooperative procurement agreements with other governmental or public entities,
- Purchases from local, State, GSA and/or other federal contracts and public entities,
- Emergency purchases,
- Purchases made for items that have been deemed a sole source

When Formal Written Quotes are received, and the lowest price is offered by an entity located outside of Belle Isle, and a price is offered by a Belle Isle Business, and it is within five (5) percent of the lowest price offered, then the Belle Isle Business shall be given the opportunity to match the lowest price offered. If the Belle Isle Business agrees to match the lowest price is reached, the Belle Isle Business will be awarded the bid if the Belle Isle Business is otherwise fully qualified and meets all Board requirements.

The Business must:

1. Deliver a written affidavit to the City. The affidavit shall certify, that the business meets the definition of a Local Business, shall provide all necessary information establishing that fact, and shall be signed under penalties of perjury.
2. It is the responsibility of any vendor claiming to be a Local Business to include a copy of its affidavit with its Quote, Bid or Proposal.
3. The City shall verify the accuracy of any such affidavit when determining whether a vendor meets the definition of a Local Business.