

## 3.4 LOCAL PREFERENCE

- A. Preferential considerations for local vendors or contractors will be given for Non-Capital purchases in the event that solicited bids from the local vendors are within 10% of non-local vendor bids and all factors, including quality, terms, and delivery are determined by the soliciting employee or Finance Department to be equal.

For the purposes of this Policy, a vendor is considered local if it has maintained a place of business in Archuleta County for at least twelve (12) months prior to date of bid solicitation, at least 50% of the employees are Archuleta County residents, and at least 50% of the fleet used for the project are registered in Archuleta County.

- B. Preferential consideration for local vendors and contractors will be given for Capital purchases in the event that solicited bids from local vendors are within 2% of non-local vendor's bids and all factors, including quality, terms, and delivery are determined by the soliciting employee or Finance Department to be equal.

For the purposes of this part of the Policy as it applies to Capital purchases, the following terms are applicable:

- The vendor has maintained a place of business in Archuleta County for at least 12 months prior to the date of the bid solicitation.
- Fifty-one percent (51%) of the work is self-performed,
- Whether or not this policy will apply will be determined on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners at the time the project is authorized for bid. Local preference will be stated in each and all bid documents.
- If a vendor has received a 2% credit in the preceding year and the contract is still in place at the time the bid is solicited, the vendor does not qualify for the 2% local preference.