



BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

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It is the policy of the BPU and its elected Board to provide a preference to local vendors and suppliers in procurement transactions whenever practical and in the best interest of the BPU. The amount of preference shall be from a minimum of one (1%) percent to a maximum of not more than five (5%) percent based upon the total amount of the bid, as follows:

Procurement less than \$50,000	5%
Procurement \$50,001 - \$250,000	4%
Procurement \$250,001 - \$500,000	3%
Procurement \$500,001 - \$750,000	2%
Procurement over \$750,000	1%

A local vendor or supplier is any individual or business that maintains a substantial business site within the service territory of the BPU and pays rates for water, electricity or both services prior to submission of a bid, quote or proposal. Factors to be considered by the BPU in applying the local vendor preference shall include the economic benefit to Wyandotte County, the number of employees hired by the local vendor or supplier who reside in Wyandotte County, and other factors as deemed relevant by the General Manager.

In no event shall any preference bidding be afforded to any local vendor that is, at the time the bid is submitted, not current on real and personal taxes owing to Wyandotte County, Kansas, unless said tax liability is being protested or challenged under the laws of the State of Kansas, or through court action. In addition, local vendors receiving preference bidding shall be responsible to maintain the appropriate insurance and bonding as required by the Utility, as well as appropriate licenses to conduct business in Kansas City, Kansas.

When goods and services are to be procured utilizing the benefits of combined purchasing, pool purchasing opportunities, cooperative purchase opportunities available with other entities, or other acceptable purchasing methods that result in increased cost savings to the BPU due to volume discounting, the local preference provision may be waived by the General Manager upon a showing of substantial cost savings to the BPU. The Purchasing Department shall cause to be prepared written documentation supporting the waiver of the local preference requirement for review by the General Manager.