

# NIAGARA AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## PROCUREMENT POLICY

### A. Introduction

1. Scope – In accordance with the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005, as amended by Chapter 506 of the Laws of 2009 of the State of New York, the Niagara Area Development Corporation (the “Corporation”) is required to adopt procurement policies that will apply to the procurement of goods and services not subject to the competitive bidding requirements the New York State General Municipal Law and paid for by the Corporation for its own use and account.

2. Purpose – The primary objectives of this policy are to assure the prudent and economical use of public monies in the best interests of the taxpayers of a political subdivision or district, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

### B. Procurement Policy

Any purchase/contract for goods or services with an annualized expenditure in excess of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) must adhere to the following:

#### Definitions:

*best value* - the basis for awarding all service purchases/contracts to the offerer which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible offerers. Such basis shall be, whenever possible, quantifiable.

*responsible* - Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the offerers' qualifications, financial stability and integrity.

*responsive* - Applies to the extent to which the offer has complied with the specifications or requirements of the solicitation for goods or services.

1) For the purchase of goods, proposals must be requested from a minimum of three (3) offerers. The lowest responsible, responsive bidder shall be accepted unless it is otherwise in the best interest of the Corporation, as justified in writing by the Contracting Officer of the Corporation. Such justification must be maintained in the procurement record.

2) For purchases of services, proposals must be requested from a minimum of three (3) offerers. The best value bidder shall be accepted unless it is otherwise in the best interest of the Corporation, as justified in writing by the Contracting Officer of the Corporation. Such justification must be maintained in the procurement record.

3) The requirement for competitive bidding may be waived upon prior written approval of the Contracting Officer provided that prior to the acceptance of such goods or services, a written statement is prepared describing the justification for waiving competitive bidding and the reasonableness of the proposed expenditure.

Approved and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.