

RESOLUTION NO. 09 - 60

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE PURCHASING ORDINANCE TO  
ESTABLISH A "LOCAL VENDOR PRIVILEGE" IN HENRY COUNTY  
(First Reading)**

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**WHEREAS**, the Henry County Purchasing Ordinance 2-2-33 was created by local act of the General Assembly and establishes generally, the requirements for awarding competitive bids for material, equipment and services not otherwise provided by General Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Henry County Board of Commissioners desires to amend the Purchasing Ordinance to establish a "Local Vendor Privilege" for the purpose of giving preference to local businesses and suppliers operating within the geographical boundaries of Henry County; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of such Local Vendor Privilege" is in recognition of the vital role that local businesses and suppliers play in contributing to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Henry County Board of Commissioners recognizes that bids or proposals awarded to local businesses and suppliers will further contribute to the local tax base and create a positive enhancement to the Henry County economy; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the extraordinary economic challenges currently experienced throughout the Nation, State and in local jurisdictions such as Henry County, the establishment of a "Local Vendor Privilege" sends a strong signal of support by the Henry County Board of Commissioners that Henry County puts its citizens "first"; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a "Local Vendor Privilege" will foster an environment in which local businesses and suppliers can thrive and continue to be a vital support to the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, with the adoption of this Resolution, the Henry County Board of Commissioners hereby formally establishes the "Henry First Initiative" that will allow for the creation and adoption of other policies from time to time that will further benefit the citizens of Henry County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Henry County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the amendment of the Henry County Purchasing Ordinance to establish a "Local Vendor Privilege" as shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2009.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: Elizabeth BJ Mathis  
Elizabeth "BJ" Mathis, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Shay Mathis, County Clerk

### **Local Vendor Privilege**

- (a) There is established in Henry County, a local vendor privilege. Bids or proposals awarded to local vendors contribute to the local tax base and will therefore, be given special consideration when bidding against out of jurisdiction (out-of-county) vendors. Bids or proposals received from local vendors will be given preference if such bid or proposal is responsive and within five (5) percent of the low bid submitted by any out-of-county bidder. In such instance, the local vendor will be given the opportunity to match the low bid offered by the out-of-county vendor. If such local vendor agrees to match the lowest bid received from the out-of-county vendor within the time specified by the County, the bid shall be awarded to the local vendor.
- (b) A local vendor shall only be eligible to receive the benefit of this privilege if it meets each of the following requirements prior to any award of a contract or purchase:
- i. The business or supplier must operate and maintain a regular place of business within the geographical boundaries of Henry County; and
  - ii. The business or supplier must have a current Occupational Tax Certificate; and
  - iii. The business or supplier must have paid all real and personal taxes owed the County ;and
  - iv. The business or supplier must certify its compliance with the Georgia Security and Immigration Act.
- (c) This policy shall not apply to any bid or proposal for material, equipment or services in excess of \$100,000.00. In such cases, the bid award shall be subject to the competitive bidding requirements as otherwise provided herein or general law.

**Exhibit "A"**