



ORANGE COUNTY PROCUREMENT

ETHICS

ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING – CONTRACTORS

Conflict of Interest

1. The County reserves the right to request client lists, disclosure statements, or any other information it may require to determine if the proposer has a conflict of interest which:
 - a. May be detrimental to the County's interest and, therefore, would cause the County not to enter a contract; or
 - b. May arise during the performance of the required services and, therefore, would provide reason for termination with cause.
2. The County will be the sole judge in determining if such a conflict would preclude the County from entering into a contract or be reason for termination with cause.
3. By participating in any solicitation, bidders/proposers agree to furnish the required information as requested and accept the County's decision as final.

Vendor/Contractor Code of Conduct

1. Vendors shall independently and honestly prepare and submit bids without collusion or otherwise obtaining information about a competitor's bid or proposal.
2. Vendors and prospective contractors shall truthfully disclose who owns and controls their company or firm, as well as the company or firm's current financial condition during solicitation and contract phases.
3. Vendors shall not share price information with competitors for the purpose of manipulating the winning bid of the contract, also known as "price-fixing" or "bid-rigging or collusion".
4. Vendors shall not submit low dollar bids with the expectation of making up the difference after the contract has been won through change orders or amended contracts.
5. Strict observance of all local, state, and federal laws is a minimal requirement in all aspects of vendor/contractor conduct.
6. Vendors must adhere to the County's gift ban limits.
7. Failure to meet these standards could result in sanctions including, but not limited to, voidance of current or future contracts.