

TOWN OF ULYSSES
LOCAL LAW NO. ___ FOR THE YEAR 2023
A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED
“CONTRACTS AWARDED TO BEST VALUE BIDDERS”

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses as follows:

Section 1. General Provisions

Section 1.1 Purpose

This Local Law provides for the Town Board to exercise its local option pursuant to § 103, Subdivision 1 of the New York General Municipal Law, to authorize the award of purchase contracts and contracts for services subject to competitive bidding on the basis of either lowest responsible bidder or “best value” as defined in § 163 of the New York State Finance Law. The “best value” option may be used if it is more cost efficient over time to award the good or service to other than the lowest responsible bidder, based on factors such as lower cost of maintenance, durability, higher quality and longer product life.

Section 1.2 Basis for award

Goods and services procured and awarded on the basis of best value are those that the Town Board determines will be of the highest quality while being the most cost efficient. The determination of quality and cost efficiency shall be based on objectively quantified and clearly described and documented criteria, which may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all of the following: cost of maintenance; proximity to the end user if distance or response time is a significant term; durability; availability of replacement parts or maintenance contractors; longer product life; product performance criteria; and quality of craftsmanship.

Section 1.3 Applicable Contracts

These sections apply to all Town purchase contracts, including those involving an expenditure of more than \$20,000 and Town contracts for services involving an expenditure of more than \$35,000, but excludes purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article 8 of the State Labor Law as well as excluding any other contracts in accordance with current or future state law. If the dollar thresholds of General Municipal Law § 103 are increased or decreased in the future by the State Legislature, the dollar thresholds set forth herein shall be deemed simultaneously amended to match the new General Municipal Law thresholds.

Section 1.4 Award based on low bid or best value; Documentation

A quote or proposal for a purchase or contract covered by this Local Law received pursuant to standard bidding procedures may be awarded on either a best value or lowest responsible bidder standard. All information gathered in the course of the bidding procedures of this section shall be filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract. When a contract is awarded on the basis of best value rather than a lowest responsible bidder, the basis for determining best value shall be thoroughly and accurately documented.

Section 1.5 Procurement Policy

Any inconsistent provision of the Town's procurement policy, as adopted by local law of the Town Board, or as amended thereafter, shall be deemed superseded by the provisions of this Local law.

Section 4. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Town of Ulysses shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability

The provisions of this Local Law are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.