

Sec. 16 1/2-157. Preference for county contractors providing for nondiscrimination of benefits for domestic partners.

Except where federal or state law mandates to the contrary, in the purchase of personal property, general services, or professional services, as such terms are defined in County Ordinance 1-74, by means of competitive bid or proposal procedure, a preference in an amount of one (1) percent of the bid or proposal price may be given to a Contractor providing for nondiscrimination of benefits for Domestic Partners.

(a) *Public works.* Except where federal or state law mandates to the contrary, in the purchase of, or contract for, the construction or renovation of public works or improvements, a preference in an amount of one (1) percent of the bid or proposal price may be given to a Contractor providing for nondiscrimination of benefits for Domestic Partners.

(b) *Point totals.* Except where federal or state law mandates to the contrary, in the purchase of personal property, general services, or professional services by means of letter of interest and competitive selection and negotiation in which objective factors used to evaluate the letters of interest or other submittals received from vendors are assigned point totals, a preference in the amount of ten (10) percent may be given to a Contractor providing for nondiscrimination of benefits for Domestic Partners.

(c) *Other preferences.* The preferences established herein in no way prohibit the right of the Board of County Commissioners to compare quality of materials proposed for purchase and compare qualifications, character, responsibility and fitness of all persons, firms, or corporations submitting bids or proposals. Further, the preferences established herein in no way prohibit the right of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners from giving any other preference permitted by law instead of the preference granted herein.

(Ord. No. 1999-03, § 9, 1-26-99; Ord. No. 1999-18, § 8, 4-27-99)