

RESOLUTION NO. 159

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING DURING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a state-wide emergency has been declared by Governor Jay Inslee due to Covid-19;

WHEREAS, Covid-19 is a respiratory virus that presents danger to VRFA employees and the public in the event that they come into contact with an infected person or persons;

WHEREAS, the Board of the Valley Regional Fire Authority (hereinafter the “Board”) has been informed that the necessity to call a meeting in the event that the Chief requires Board authorization to award contracts for public works and equipment would be impractical due to the dangers presented by Covid-19 to the VRFA and the public;

WHEREAS, the potential contact that VRFA employees and the public may have with infected persons presents a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions and will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the requirement that the Chief engage in competitive bidding when purchasing equipment or public works would be impractical due to the need to secure immediate access to life-saving equipment, personal protective equipment, or other facilities and equipment necessary to address this emergency;

WHEREAS, competitive bidding is not required and is impractical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Board hereby waives competitive bidding until such time as the above-referenced State of Emergency has been declared over by Governor Inslee and the VRFA is possessed of sufficient supplies, equipment and facilities to address any risks remaining due to Covid-19—i.e. when the emergency no longer exists.

Section 2.

The Chief is authorized to award contracts for materials, supplies, services, facilities and equipment and public works without competitive bidding and without limitation, due to an emergency. Any contract awarded due to an emergency shall include a factual provision which states that the contract is being awarded due to an emergency. The inclusion of this factual provision in any awarded contract shall be recorded by the Chief in a separate log, within two weeks of award.

Section 3.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Valley Regional Fire Authority this 10th day of March, 2020

Valley Regional Fire Authority

by Leann Guier

Leann Guier, Governing Board Chair

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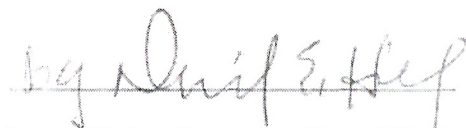
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