

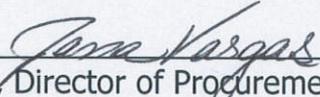


Procurement Ethics Policy Statement

As public employees and procurement professionals, it is our duty to exercise responsibility and unbiased judgement when conducting procurement transactions while adhering to the following shared values and ethical standards, that shall be exercised properly while ensuring that the Authority is serving the public trust in the manner expected.

- To give first consideration to the objectives and policies of the Authority.
- To procure without prejudice, seeking to obtain maximum value for each dollar expended on behalf of the Authority.
- To conduct ourselves with fairness and dignity, and to demand honesty, truth and ethical practices from all participants in the procurement & contracting process.
- Strive to continually increase competition in supplier selection and endeavor to prevent any collusive activities among suppliers. To refuse soliciting or accepting money, loans, credits and acceptance of gifts, entertainment, favors, or services from present or potential suppliers that might influence, or appear to influence procurement & contracting decisions.
- Handle confidential or proprietary information with care and proper consideration.
- To honor our obligations and require that obligations to the Authority be honored.
- Promote positive supplier relationships through courtesy and impartiality. Conduct business with potential and current suppliers in an atmosphere of transparency, consistency and fair representation.
- To grant all competitive suppliers equal consideration insofar as state or federal statute and Authority policy permit.
- Foster fair, ethical and legal business practices.
- Encourage support of small, veteran-owned, disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses.
- To be receptive to counsel from our colleagues, and to cooperate promoting a spirit of teamwork and unity.

We subscribe to these standards.



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