



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee

Recommendation Number: (20160607-03A2): Local Preference in Local Government Procurement –
Area

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 271, in certain instances, allows municipalities to consider a bidder's principal place of business when determining the business's local presence; and

WHEREAS, the local area includes the following five counties: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this committee to increase contracting opportunities for small businesses within the local area; and

WHEREAS, it is not the desire of this committee to violate state statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee encourages the Austin City Council to consider an amendment to the procurement process to add a local preference component where the City can consider a bidder's local presence when the bidder:

1. is located within the local area, and
2. will provide a competitive contract price and an economic development impact including:
 - a. employment of residents located within the local area, and/or
 - b. increased tax revenue, and/or
 - c. providing commodities or services within the local area.

Date of Approval: June 7, 2016

Record of the vote: 6-0 vote (Committee Members May, Espinosa absent)

Attest: Kristi Samilpa, Staff Liaison