

Local Vendor Allowance

In acknowledgment that local vendors contribute the City tax base and promote the local economy, the Dalton City Council, has determined that under certain instances, such local vendors will be provided an additional concession when bidding against non-local vendors. If the local vendors bid, meets all the bid specifications and is not more than 4% greater than the lowest bid submitted by the non-local vendor, then the lowest local vendor will be given the opportunity to notify the Chief Financial Officer or the Department Head of the bidding department in writing, 1 business day after the bid opening, that it agrees to match the lowest bid price. If that local vendor doesn't agree, then the next lowest local bidder will be given the same opportunity to match the low bid and so on until all local vendors have had the opportunity to match the low bid.

This will not apply to road construction and public works projects governed by Georgia Laws or to the purchase of any other goods and/or services, for which such preference is prohibited by Georgia or Federal Law (for example, grant awards).

A local vendor must maintain a physical presence within Whitfield County, including, but not limited to the maintenance of 1 or more offices and the employment of 2 or more persons prior to the submission of the bid. A post office box maintained within Whitfield County does not qualify as a local vendor. The vendor must also be current on property taxes and occupation taxes (for businesses located within the City limits).