

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 7, 2018

TO: Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Greg High, Director, AE&ES Section, DAS-FM Division

SUBJECT: **Modifications to Milwaukee County General Ordinance Chapters 43, 44 and 111 to Allow for Online Public Works Bidding.**

POLICY

The Director of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) requests modifications to the Milwaukee County General Ordinance (MCGO) chapters 43, 44 and 111 to allow for online public works bidding.

BACKGROUND

Online bidding is a framework that allows for electronic distribution of plans and electronic submission of bids. The goal of online bidding is to attract more qualified bidders to Milwaukee County projects, minimize staff effort maintaining a plan desk, minimize bidding errors due to hand written bids, and to minimize paper waste by eliminated paper plan sets.

Online bidding has become the industry standard. Locally, the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation use some form of online bidding.

The current MCGO chapters that address public works bidding are Chapters 43, 44 and 111. These chapters codified past County bidding practice and need to be modified to allow bidding flexibility.

The proposed modifications bring the MCGO into line with the State Statutes, provide flexibility in bidding type, and clean up inconsistencies in the code.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of DAS recommends and requests that the MCGO be modified as recommended in the attached resolution to allow for online public works bidding.

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Approved by:



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Attachments: Bidding Ordinance Amendment Resolution
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