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**AMENDMENT TO
PROCUREMENT
POLICY**

**AMERICAN RECOVERY
&
REINVESTMENT ACT**

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) Board of Commissioners has adopted this amendment for the purpose of complying with requirements and regulations of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The Somerville Housing Authority is eligible to receive additional Capital Funds under this ARRA legislation and is required to specifically amend the Procurement Policy to expedite the expenditure of these funds.

The Executive Director will remain the chief procurement officer of the authority and is responsible for the proper and efficient oversight of all procurement and disposition matters. In carrying out the duties associated with the position of chief procurement officer the Executive Director receives regulations and guidance from the SHA Board of Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Consistent with SHA general procurement policy, SHA will assure that funds are expended for the purpose intended and prudent practices must be strictly followed to insure avoidance and/or appearance of favoritism, collusion, or other improper actions.

This amendment will be attached to SHA General Procurement Policy Handbook.

Procurement:

Priorities: SHA shall give priority to Capital Fund Stimulus Grant projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from February 17, 2009.

State & Local: Any requirement relating to the procurement of goods and services arising under state and local laws and regulations SHALL NOT APPLY to Capital Fund Stimulus Grants. SHA SHALL INSTEAD follow the Part 85 requirements

Part 85 Compliance: SHA shall amend appropriate procurement policies and standards as necessary in order to expedite and facilitate the use of the ARRA Capital funds.

- This amendment will ONLY apply to these specific ARRA Stimulus funds.
- SHA Board of Commissioners must specifically ADOPT this amendment.
- SHA consents to remove all procurement standards contrary to Part 85 or other requirement specified under AARA

HUD HANDBOOK: (7460.8 rev-2) shall be used for guidance.

Noncompetitive Proposals:

SHA recognizes and adopts HUD's guidance specified within 24 CFR 85.36(d)(4).

Force Account: SHA recognizes and adopts guidance to use force account labor when feasible.

Buy American: SHA recognizes and adopts guidance regarding the purchase of American made goods.