

**New Hollister Courthouse
Local Business Solicitation Program**

Good Faith Effort

The prequalified trade contractors shall use good faith efforts to subcontract the supply of materials, labor and equipment to businesses located within San Benito County.

Evidence of direct bid solicitations from at least three Local Businesses qualified to perform the work or supply the materials or equipment must be submitted for subcontracted work in excess of ½ of 1% of the trade package amount. If no Local Businesses are qualified to perform the work or supply the materials or equipment, justification and evidence of reasonable attempts to locate qualified Local Businesses must be submitted, which may include, but is not limited to: 1) advertisements inviting bids in local newspapers, or 2) mail request for bids to local contractors, or 3) bid solicitations by phone, facsimile or e-mail..

Quality and Fitness

The preferences established in this program shall in no way be construed to inhibit, limit or restrict the right and obligation of Kitchell to compare quality and fitness for use of supplies, materials, equipment, and services proposed for purchase and to compare the qualifications, character, responsibility, and fitness of all persons, firms, or corporations submitting bids.

Local Business Eligibility

A "Local Business:"

1. is a person, firm, corporation or other business entity that has its headquarters, a manufacturing facility, a locally-owned franchise, or an operating branch physically located within the boundaries of San Benito County. Post office boxes shall not be used for the purpose of establishing a physical address, and
2. has been in operation for a minimum of one (1) year prior to the issuance of the New Hollister Courthouse formal bid solicitation, and
3. has paid business or real property tax due to the City or County for the most recent tax year.

Enforcement

The information furnished by each bidder establishing a good faith effort to solicit Local Businesses shall be under penalty of perjury. No person or business shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation for the purpose of influencing the status of any entity as a Local Business.