

Purchasing



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Description

The Purchasing Department is responsible for the acquisition of supplies, services, and construction which support the operations of the Municipality. The Purchasing Department is the entity within the Municipality that is authorized to issue Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, purchase orders, and contracts to acquire supplies and services. The Purchasing Department also assists in the disposal of all municipal surplus property and equipment.

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Department Services

The Purchasing Department is conscious of its responsibility and accountability in the expenditure of public funds. Therefore, the Purchasing Department maintains a competitive bidding process in accordance with Federal and State laws, regulations, and Municipal ordinances. It is the Purchasing Department's policy to encourage the participation of qualified vendors in the bidding process, emphasizing opportunities for small businesses and disadvantaged and women owned businesses. Preference may be given to local bidders when not prohibited by the funding source.

Projects and requirements for the Municipality vary widely, and as a result, rely heavily upon local businesses and contractors to meet its needs. The Purchasing Department encourages local contractors to participate in the solicitation processes that are offered. For local contractors and businesses within the corporate boundaries of the Municipality, a local bidder's preference is applied; the use of minority and women-owned business is encouraged. Participation goals for sub-contracting may be required, depending on the source of funding.

Department Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:



Good Government – Ensuring ethical and accountable government, balancing the budget, and delivering quality, effective government services.

- Provide departments with the knowledge needed to successfully procure items/services at the best value for the city with minimal difficulty (standardize and streamline processes).
- Provide training to departments on the purchasing processes and contract administration to increase efficiency and accuracy.
- Ensure that procurements are made in compliance with all laws and policies, while measuring the accuracy and fairness of the Purchasing bidding process.



Building Our Future – Laying the foundation for a more prosperous future through housing solutions, economic development and investments in childcare, public infrastructure and quality of life.

- Increase local vendor participation in solicitations.
- Continue to work with and explore alternative procurement methods when contracting situations would benefit from their use.

Purchasing Department Summary

	2024 Actuals Unaudited	2025 Revised	2026 Approved	26 v 25 % Chg
Direct Cost by Division				
Purchasing	1,869,028	2,127,543	2,154,779	1.28%
Direct Cost Total	1,869,028	2,127,543	2,154,779	1.28%
Intragovernmental Charges				
Charges by/to Other Departments	(1,339,866)	(1,502,043)	(1,529,279)	1.81%
Function Cost Total	529,162	625,500	625,500	-
Program Generated Revenue	(529,162)	(625,500)	(625,500)	-
Net Cost Total	-	-	-	-
Direct Cost by Category				
Salaries and Benefits	1,612,747	1,929,754	1,956,990	1.41%
Supplies	24,816	2,964	2,964	-
Travel	6,269	-	-	-
Contractual/OtherServices	239,095	194,825	194,825	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Equipment, Furnishings	(13,899)	-	-	-
Direct Cost Total	1,869,028	2,127,543	2,154,779	1.28%
Position Summary as Budgeted				
Full-Time	13	13	13	-
Part-Time	-	-	-	-
Position Total	13	13	13	-

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Reconciliation from 2025 Revised Budget to 2026 Approved Budget

	Positions			
	Direct Costs	FT	PT	Seas/T
2025 Revised Budget	2,127,543	13	-	-
Changes in Existing Programs/Funding for 2026				
- Salaries and benefits adjustments	27,236	-	-	-
	2026 Continuation Level	2,154,779	13	-
2026 Proposed Budget Changes				
- None				
	2026 Approved Budget	2,154,779	13	-

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Anchorage: Performance. Value. Results.

Mission

Responsible for the acquisition of supplies, services, and construction supporting the operations of the Municipality.

Accomplishment Goals

- Provide departments with the knowledge needed to successfully procure items/services at the best value for the Municipality with minimal difficulty (standardize and streamline processes).
- Ensure that procurements are made in compliance with all laws and policies.
- Provide contract administration training to departments.
- Provide education to departments on the purchasing processes which will increase efficiency and accuracy.
- Expand use of Purchasing Credit card to achieve efficiency.
- Increase local vendor participation and solicitations.

Performance Measures

Progress in achieving goals will be measured by:

Measure #1: Cost to provide efficient purchasing services as a percent of total MOA purchases and compare to national benchmarks.
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2021 – 0.5%

2022 – 0.4%

2023 – 0.4%

2024 – 0.5%

2025 Q2 – 0.1%

	Amount	Value
Purchase Orders	1,049	\$879,440.081.13
Change Orders	648	\$9,492,864.50
Total	1,697	\$88,932,945.63

Benchmark: Below 1.0%

Measure #2: Number of formal protests sent to Bidding Review Board (BRB).
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2021 – 1 2021B073 Glenn Alps Snow Removal

2022 – 0

2023 – 0

2024 – 0

2025 – 0

Goal: 0

Notes: 2021B073 Glenn Alps Snow Removal –

Purchasing addressed the issues and worked with M&O to re-solicit this requirement.

Per Anchorage Municipal Code, Section 7.20.040.A.3, the MOA cancelled ITB 2021B073 as being in the best interest of the Municipality.

Measure #3: Number of trainings offered to MOA employees.**2025 Q1 In-person Trainings**

Q1 Shopping cart (0)
Q1 P-Card (3)

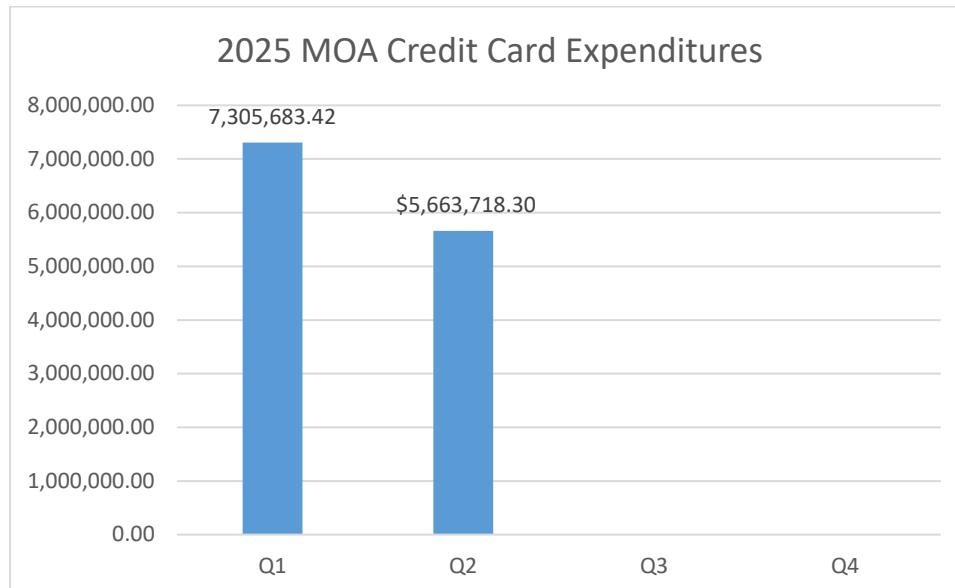
Purchasing Credit Card Data – Q2		
	# of CC	% trained
Participants	411	
New Users	17	100%
Renewals	9	100%

Goal: 1 Shopping Cart training per quarter; 1:1 training for all new P-card users; and 100% of P-card renewal training.

Measure #4: Number of MOA credit card transactions and split transactions.

Purchasing Credit Card Data	
# of 2025 Audit Findings	0
Current Estimated Value of Annual Rebate (May 2025 – April 2026)	\$93,378.79

2025	# of Split Transactions
Q2	0



Measure #5: Expenditures in the local area.

2021 – 45% of \$393 Million

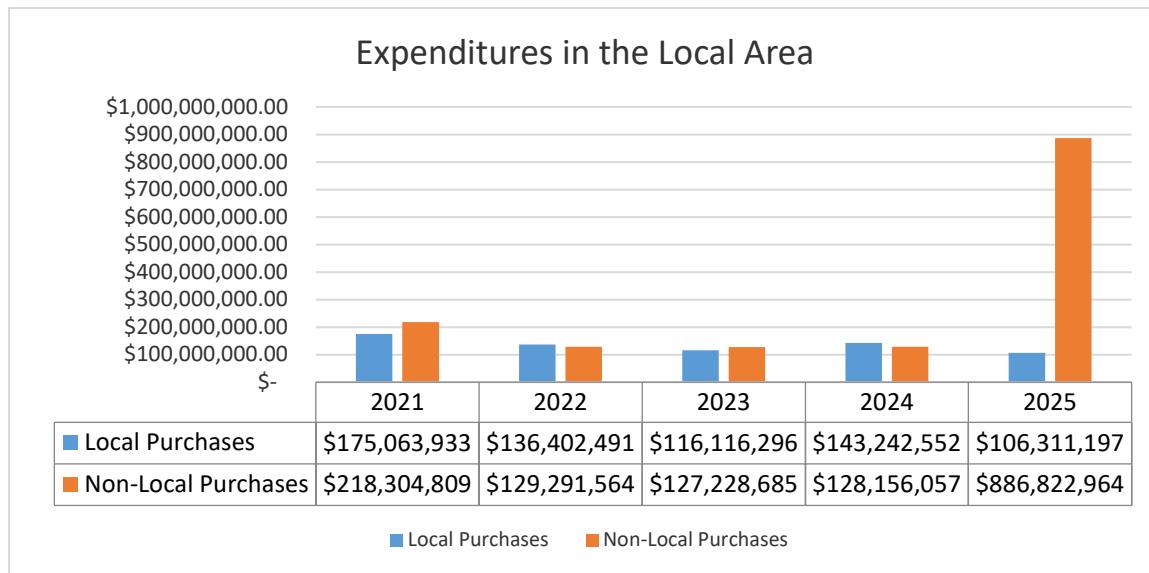
2022 – 51% of \$265 Million

2023 – 48% of \$243 Million

2024 – 53% of \$271 Million

2025 Q2 – 11% of \$ Million

Goal: 50% of purchases to be Local.



Performance Measure Methodology Sheet
Purchasing Department

Measure #1: Cost to provide efficient purchasing services as a percent of total MOA purchases and compare to national benchmarks:

Type

Efficiency

Accomplishment Goal Supported

Provides MOA departments with the knowledge needed to standardize and streamline processes, while successfully procuring items/services at the best value for the City with minimal difficulty.

Definition

Reports Purchasing services as a percent of total MOA purchases, in comparison with national benchmarks.

Data Collection Method

SAP report.

Frequency

Reported quarterly and annually, or as needed.

Measured By

The Executive Assistant in Purchasing will measure and compile this data. This information will be stored in the g-drive.

Reporting

Reports will be written by the Executive Assistant in the Purchasing Department, quarterly and annually, or as needed.

Used By

This information is used by Purchasing staff to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department for the acquisition of supplies, services, and construction supporting the operations of the Municipality, and provide information to departments on the purchasing processes.

Measure #2: Number of formal protests sent to Bidding Review Board (BRB)

Type

Effectiveness

Accomplishment Goal Supported

Ensures that procurements are made in compliance with all laws and policies and measures the accuracy and fairness of Purchasing bidding process.

Definition

Reports the number of formal protests sent to the Bidding Review Board.

Data Collection Method

Formal protests are recorded by the Purchasing Department and sent to the Bidding Review Board for formal review, per code.

Frequency

Reported quarterly and annually, or as needed.

Measured By

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Measure #3: Number of trainings offered to MOA Employees

Type

Effectiveness

Accomplishment Goal Supported

Provide education to departments on the purchasing processes, which will increase efficiency and accuracy.

Definition

Reports the number of Shopping Cart and Purchasing credit card trainings are completed by MOA employees to support the Purchasing goal of 1 per quarter in person training class and 100% of P-card renewals/ new users take online training.

Data Collection Method

Shopping Cart training members are counted in-person and tracked. P-Card training is provided to new MOA employees; renewal trainings are tracked in Excel.

Frequency

Reported quarterly and annually, or as needed.

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Measure #4: # of Purchasing Credit Card transactions and number of split transactions.

Type

Effectiveness

Accomplishment Goal Supported

Expand use of Purchasing Credit card to achieve efficiency and ensure that procurements are made in compliance with all laws and policies.

Definition

Reports the number of Purchasing Credit Card transactions and number of split transactions.

Data Collection Method

The P-Card Administrator runs a query to record which transactions are split, per quarter.

Frequency

Reported quarterly and annually, or as needed.

Measured By

The Executive Assistant in Purchasing, in collaboration with the P-Card Administrator, will measure and compile the data. This information will be stored in the g-drive.

Reporting

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Measure #5: Expenditures in the local area

Type

Effectiveness

Accomplishment Goal Supported

Increase local vendor participation and solicitations.

Definition

Reports the number of expenditures to support the Purchasing goal of 50% of purchases to be Local, if possible.

Data Collection Method

SAP report.

Frequency

Reported quarterly and annually, or as needed.

Measured By

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Measure WC: Managing Workers' Compensation Claims

Reducing job-related injuries is a priority for the Administration by ensuring safe work conditions and safe practices. By instilling safe work practices, we ensure not only the safety of our employees but reduce the potential for injuries and property damage to the public. The Municipality is self-insured and every injury poses a financial burden on the public and the injured worker's family. It just makes good sense to WORK SAFE.

Results are tracked by monitoring monthly reports issued by the Risk Management Division.

