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**COUNTY EXTENDS LOCAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE**

*Program strives to keep business local*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – Forsyth County is continuing to concentrate on providing more opportunities for local companies to do business with the county government.

During their December 6 regular meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners voted to extend the existing Local Business Initiative through December 31, 2013. The goal of the program, which has been in place since April 2009, is to return as much taxpayer money back into the local economy as possible.

“The program’s goal is to provide more opportunities for local businesses to conduct business with the county government,” Procurement Director Donna Kukarola said. “Forsyth County purchases a wide variety of materials, equipment and services, so there are opportunities for all types of companies to do business with the county government.”

The Local Business Initiative is applicable only to projects with a total cost of less than \$500,000. Under any applicable solicitation or bid issued by the county, vendors desiring to qualify for the program will be required to demonstrate they satisfy all of the requirements. This must be done each time a vendor submits a bid, quote or proposal and would like to be considered under the Local Business Initiative.

For solicitations less than \$500,000, a qualified local business that submits a responsive and reasonable price receives a local preference credit of five percent. However, there are some exclusions under certain circumstances.

More information about doing business with Forsyth County government is available on the Forsyth County Procurement Department page at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com).

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