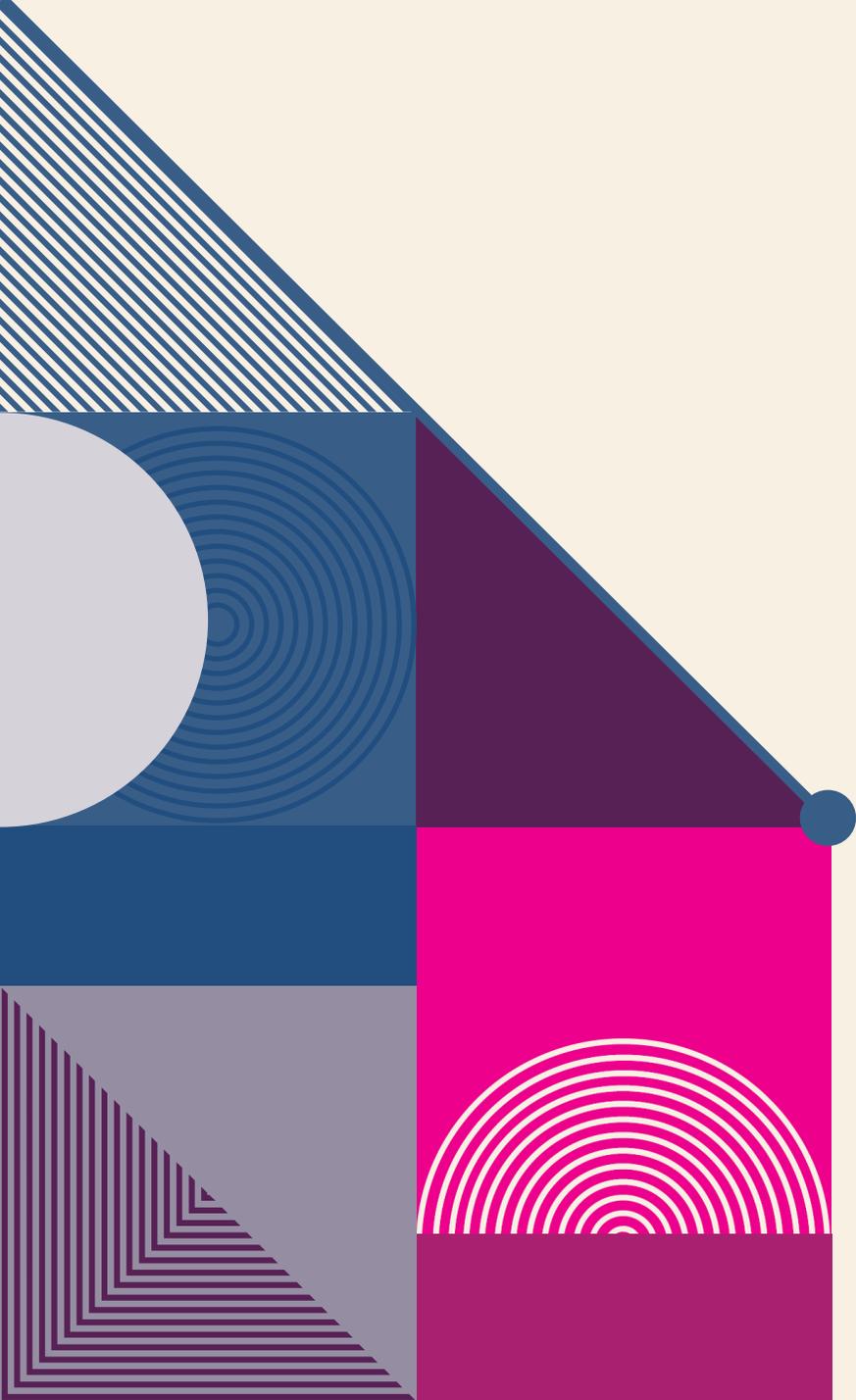


VENDORS

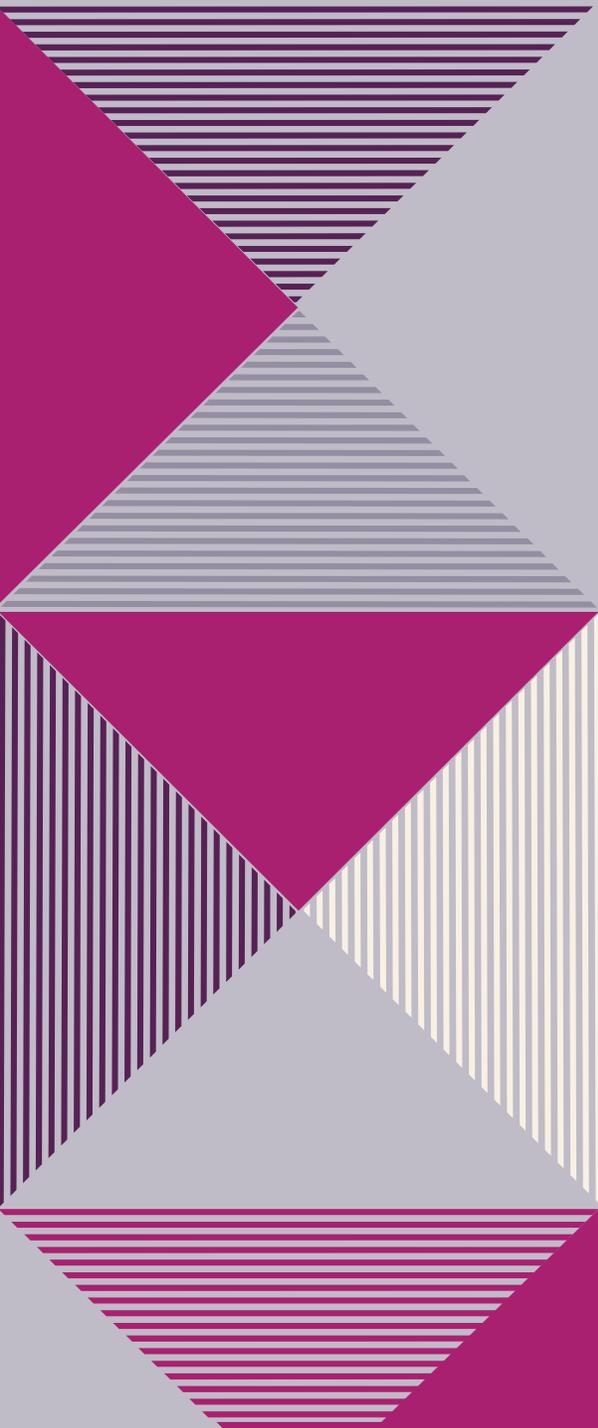
A BRIEF DISCUSSION

Finance and Budget Committee
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GENERAL PRINCIPLE

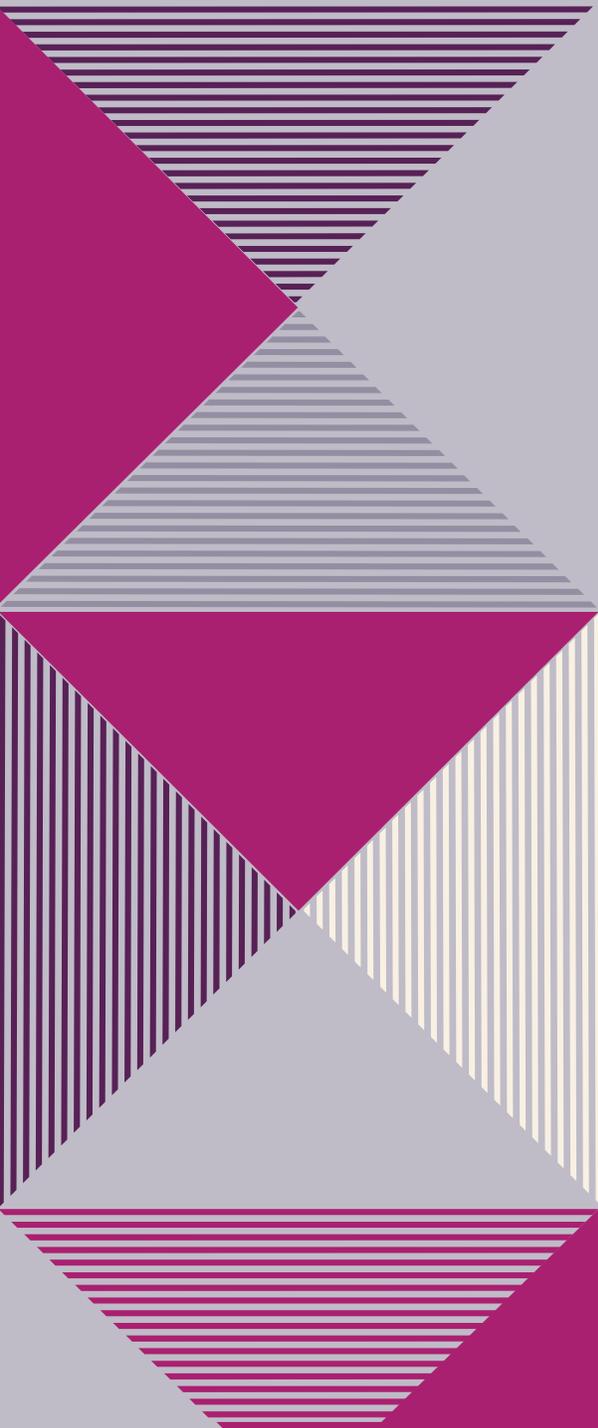
Contracting laws in the state of California are designed to give a fair chance to any entity seeking to provide goods or services to a public agency.



AGENCY PROCUREMENT POLICY

THREE TYPES OF PURCHASES

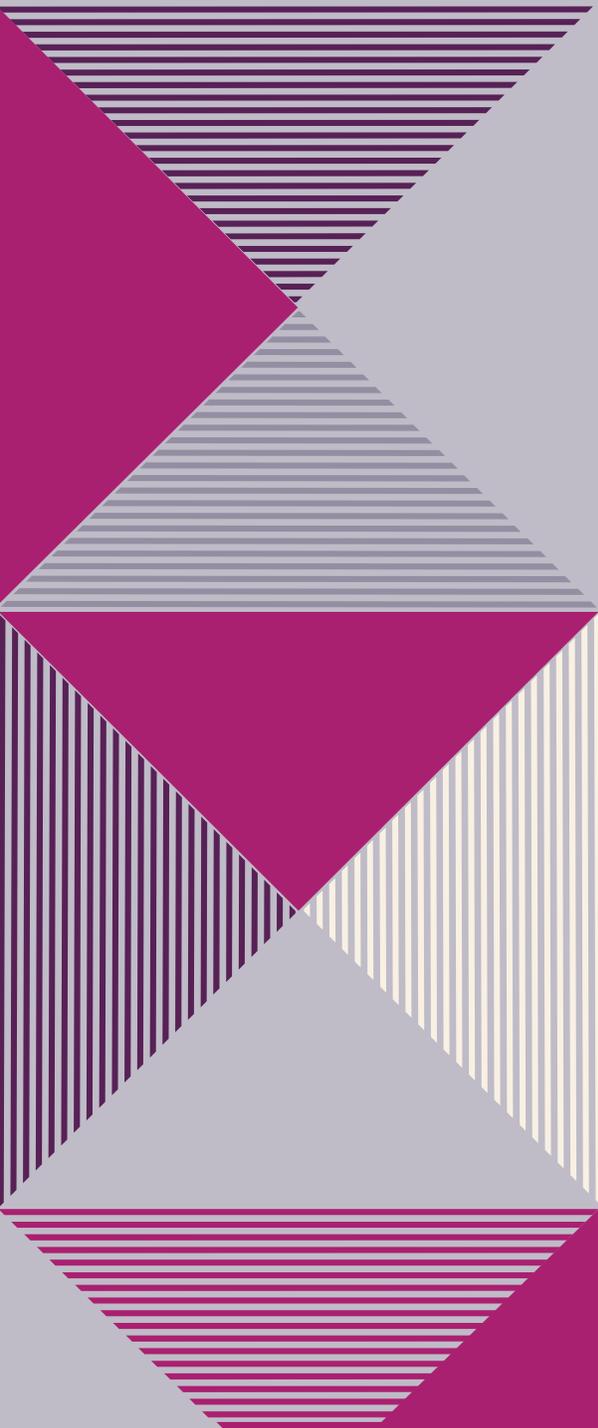
- Construction: clear procedures for advertising and accepting bids for projects, as well as guidance for awarding a contract
- Personal Service Agreements: do not require bids; Agency policy requires solicitation of two or three quotes, depending on the amount of the proposed expense
- Materials, Supplies and Equipment: also do not require bidding, selection is similar to Personal Service Agreements



AGENCY DECISION-MAKING

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Competence
- Experience
- Ability to complete proposed service or provide proposed equipment
- Responsiveness to proposal
- Timeliness in fulfilling proposal
- Value
- Previous relationship with Agency
- Cost



LEGAL COUNSEL INPUT

- A local preference policy could be enacted by the Board, but it must be carefully crafted and limited to no more than 1-5%.
- Could only be applied to vendors providing goods or non-professional services.
- Concerns:
 - What is local? Beaumont, Agency service area, Riverside County, Inland Empire?
 - Percentage? Of value of services or number of vendors?
 - How to track and report enactment of policy?
 - How does this serve the public interest?

LOCAL VENDORS OFTEN MEET PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS

Local providers are often selected to provide goods and services for the Agency because they do the best job at meeting the requirements as listed above.

Examples of local vendors used by the Agency

Land Engineering Consultants

MT Fencing

Matthew Pistilli Landscape Service

Rodriguez Disking

HCN Bank

Sharp Designs

Basic Backflow

Beaumont Print

Control Temp A/C and Heating

Flow-Pro Plumbing

Inland Empire Resource Conservation District

Slugg Bug Pest Control



STAFF RECOMENDATION

- The Agency already meets many of the reasons for using local vendors by following the Board approved Procurement Policy.
- The list of local vendors in this presentation shows that the Agency exceeds the maximum percentages recommended by Legal Counsel without a change to the current policy.
- Staff recommend no changes to the Procurement Policy at this time.