



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Catherine Kutsuris, Conservation & Development  
Date: January 8, 2013

Subject: Weatherization Purchase Order

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent, on behalf of the Department of Conservation and Development, to execute a blanket purchase order with the following companies for supplies and equipment necessary to weatherize low income homes in Contra Costa County during the term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

- 1) Advanced Home Energy in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of insulation;
- 2) Ambient Air in the amount of \$475,000 for the purchase of heating and air conditioning equipment;
- 3) Appliance Parts Distributors in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of refrigerators;
- 4) East County Glass in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of windows; and
- 5) Water Heaters Express in the amount of \$225,000 for the purchase of hot water heaters.

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☐ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/08/2013** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 8, 2013

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Carrie Del Bonta, Deputy

Contact: Greg Wixom 925  
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### FISCAL IMPACT:

100% of the purchase amount is fully reimbursable through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (LIHEAP), and Department of Energy, (DOE) grant funds. Federal Funds, no impact to county general fund.

### BACKGROUND:

The Department of Conservation and Development's Weatherization Program requires heating and air conditioning systems, insulation and miscellaneous materials in order to provide home weatherization services to low income residents throughout all of Contra Costa County. The vendors were selected through a competitive bidding process, working closely with the General Services Purchasing Division and following the County's established procurement procedures.

The Department has partnered with the Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) for over twenty years to provide energy saving home improvements to low-income families throughout unincorporated Contra Costa County, as well as the County's nineteen cities.

Funding for the Weatherization Program is provided from State and Federal sources, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP).

The weatherization energy savings measures may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, sliding glass doors, fluorescent light bulbs, weather stripping, ceiling fans, and attic insulation.

Homes receive a blower door test (a diagnostic tool to locate and correct air infiltration), and homes with gas appliances receive a combustion appliance safety test that checks for carbon monoxide gas leakage. Homes with gas appliances are provided with a carbon monoxide alarm.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A denial would prevent the purchase of materials needed to provide home weatherization services.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this item will enable the Weatherization Program to purchase materials necessary to provide home energy efficiency improvements to low-income households, which reduces living expenses and improves comfort and quality of life for children residing in the households served.