

**2008 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OCTOBER QUARTERLY  
SESSION**

**JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR. 08-10**

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PATRICK L. ALDEN JR., BIG HORN DISTRICT

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED:

**“FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE BIG  
HORN DISTRICT”**

**WHEREAS**, under Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the power and the duty to promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, ordinances, codes, regulations and guidelines in accordance with the Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe, providing for the manner of sale disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal assets and providing for the licensing of members and non-members for various purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article V, Section 2(c) of the Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the power and the duty to adopt legislation chartering instrumentalities of the Crow Tribe for the purposes of economic development, housing, education or other purposes not inconsistent with the Constitution; and

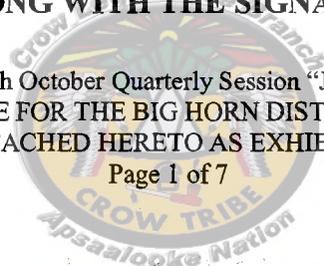
**WHEREAS**, under Article V, Section 2(c) of the Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the power and the duty to “grant final approval or disapproval of limited waivers of sovereign immunity by the Executive Branch when waivers are necessary for business purposes provided that a process for such approval or disapproval may be established by legislation;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Big Horn District elected Legislative members have authority to manage the money allocated to the District in reference to JAR 05-02, and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative members of the Big Horn District have the established a financial management policy and procedure for the District, and its committees.

AS TO THE BIG HORN DISTRICT, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY  
THE LEGISLATURE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW TRIBE

- 1. AS TO THE BIG HORN DISTRICT, PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH CPA, FOR PAYMENT OF ALL PURCHASE ORDERS, AND REQUISITIONS. THE VOUCHERS MUST HAVE TWO SIGNATURES OF THE ELECTED BIG HORN DISTRICT LEGISLATORS, ALONG WITH THE SIGNATURE OF THE**



**EXECUTIVE BRANCH CHAIRMAN, BUT SUCH SIGNATURE IS NOT ADEQUATE WITH OUT DISTRICT LEGISLATURE EXECUTION.**

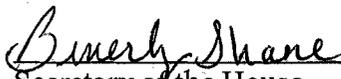
- 2. THE BIG HORN DISTRICT HEREBY OFFICIALLY ADOPTS A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE AS ATTACHED INCORPORATED HERTO AS EXHIBIT A.**

**CERTIFICAITON**

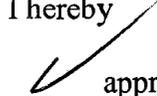
I here by certify that this Joint Action Resolution entitled "FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND POLICY PROCEDURE SYSTEM FOR THE BIG HORN DISTRICT" was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 15<sup>th</sup> day October, 2008

  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

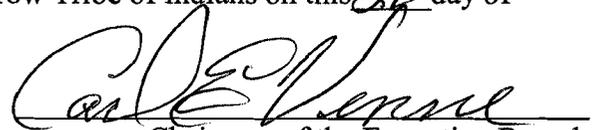
  
Secretary of the House  
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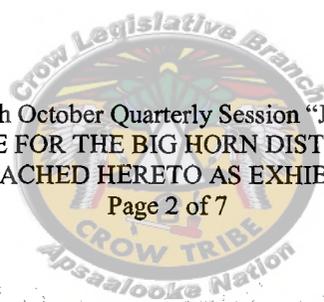
**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

I hereby  
 approve,  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ veto



This Joint Action Resolution entitled "FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND POLICY PROCEDURE SYSTEM FOR THE BIG HORN DISTRICT" pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe Article V, Section 8 and Article IV, Section 3 (k) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians on this 27 day of Oct, 2008.

  
Chairman of the Executive Branch  
Crow Tribe of Indians



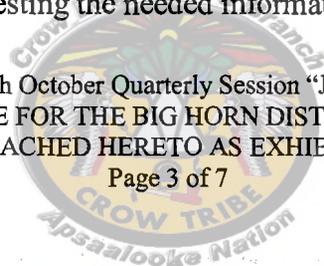
# **BIG HORN DISTRICT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY PROCEDURE SYSTEM.**

## **POLICY AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The District Committee is responsible for all functions related to the acquisition of supplies and services, including overall administration. In performing the functions, the acquisitions will adhere to the following objectives.
  - a. Obtain a quality supplies/services needed for delivery at the time and place required.
  - b. Buy from responsible sources of supply
  - c. Obtain maximum value for all expenditures.
  - d. Deal fairly and impartially with all vendors.
  - e. Document each transaction as required by the Internal Revenue Services.
  - f. Avoid any conflict of interest.
  
2. Purchase Orders must be issued prior to any District purchases. The Purchase Order signifies authorization to make a purchase. This allows for pre-approval for budget and compliance

## **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

1. Business will be conducted ethically, in a manner above reproach and, except as authorized by statute or regulation, with the total impartiality and preferential treatment for none.
  
2. District committee members will not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, favor entertainment, loan or anything of monetary value, from anyone maintaining a business connection with District. Violations to the aforementioned will be grounds for removal.
  
3. Maintaining the integrity of the process is of paramount importance; therefore, any person disseminating procurement information to persons who do not have a bona fide need to know, within or outside of the Corporation, are in violation of the trust and subject to removal.
  
4. Vendor preference (final vendor selection will be made by legislative representatives).
  
5. Purchase Requisitions will not be processed if all attachments are missing. The legislators may return the requisition and provide comments in writing or may telephone or email requesting the needed information.



## INITIATION OF PURCHASE ORDER

1. Upon receipt of a valid and completed Purchase Requisition, the Committee will submit the information to the Legislative Representatives. Once the Purchase Order is approved, the Legislative Representative will print and forward the Purchase Order to the Executive Branch Finance Department for execution and processing.
- 2.. The Purchase Order should contain all the same information as required on the Purchase Requisition with the selected Vendors name and address. Some additional information may be added to the Purchase Order as determined by the Legislative Representatives or Finance Department.

## VENDOR PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (VPA)

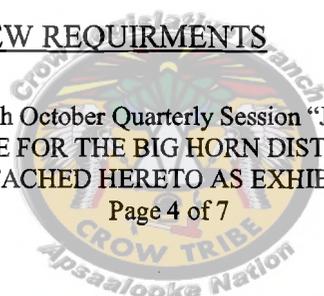
1. Vendor Purchase Agreements (VPA) may be utilized for repetitive purchases to a particular vendor from a particular program/fund. These eliminate the need to submit repeat Purchase Requisitions by the District Committees and corresponding issuance of Purchase Orders. The Legislative Representatives may deny the use of VPA's without any reason. VPA's are issued at the discretion of the legislative representatives. A copy of the current VPA for that vendor must be attached to the Accounts Payable Voucher, in order to initiate the payment. VPA's must be renewed annually through written documentation. Items to be completed on the VPA forms:
  - a. Vendor Name, ID and Address
  - b. VPA number (the fiscal year, unless multiple agreements with Vendor)
  - c. Fund, Department and General Ledger account coding
  - d. Description of the products or services to be provided.
  - e. Purpose of the purchases
  - f. Quantity, Dollar and Frequency Limits
  - g. Expiration Date (usually the end of fiscal or program year)
  - h. Program/Individuals Authorized to place orders on behalf of the District members under the VPA.
  - i. Signed and dated by the District committee, Legislative Representative, and Vendor Representative.

## OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS

1. Purchase Orders are open for 30 days only from the date issued unless specifically stated on the purchase order upon approval of the legislative representatives.

## SIGNATURE AND REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

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1. Each Committee member for the District should be familiar with the District's signature requirements for the Purchase Order and Accounts Payable process.
  - a. Two Legislative Representatives must approve all Purchase Orders. The Crow Tribal Executive Branch Chairman approval signature is not adequate without district Legislature approval.
  - b. The Legislative Representatives shall have sole authority to sign and approve purchase orders submitted from the district committee.
  - c. Contracts and miscellaneous service agreements should be signed by the legislative representatives after review by the district committee members. After careful review and approval of the Contracts and miscellaneous service agreements, the committee shall forward all documents attached to the legislative representatives for approval with majority consensus from the district committee.

### SELECTION OF SUPPLIERS

1. The selection of competent suppliers is a basic responsibility of the district committee. There are, however, several major considerations and sources of information that maybe used to locate sources and guidance in the selection of suppliers:
  - a. Master vendor's mailing list/ procurement history file
  - b. Technical and business reputation of a company
  - c. Past performance of a company, if previously used by the District
  - d. Recommended sources(input from the requesting organizational element).
  - e. Recommendations from other sources.
  - f. Information obtained from trade companies, catalogs, trade, journals, sales literature and other publication.
  - g. Published registers, such as the "Thomas Register"
  - h. Purchasing source lists.
  - i. Classified sections of telephone directories.
  - j. Buyer's knowledge and experience
  - k. Professional associations
  - l. Contracts with salespersons and Vendor representatives.
2. Every supplier requesting an opportunity to render an offer will be given the opportunity to do so, unless there is supportable evidence that he or she cannot realistically be expected to provide the required item(s)
3. If bids are requested and submitted, the selected supplier should be the lowest bidder. If the lowest bidder is not accepted, then it should be documented why the particular supplier was selected. A valid reason should be determined.
4. If a supplier is an individual rather than an established business the following steps, must be taken to determine that a fair and competitive price is being charged by the

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individual and price may be reviewed and approved by the committee and forwarded to the Legislative Representatives. The district committee may require a bid from an established business to verify the reasonableness. If a Supplier is an individual rather than an established business, the following steps must be taken to determine that fair and competitive price is being charged by the individual:

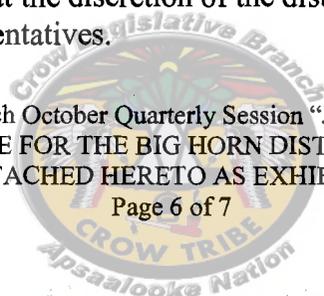
- a. The price may be reviewed and approved by the committee and forwarded to the Legislative Representatives.
  - b. The district committee may require a bid from an established business to verify reasonableness.
5. The District committee is committed to a policy of full and open competition, and solicitation of offers will not stop at any minimum number of bidders. In circumstances other than noncompetitive awards, the district committee will abide by the following:

#### Competitive Procurement

- a. Competition not required < \$500.00
- b. Solicit three (3) sources for any construction and/or purchases > \$500.00
- c. Three (3) bids submitted in writing and possible Public Notice Required.

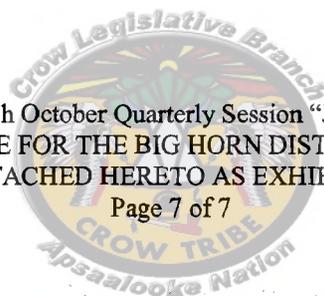
#### PREPARING A SOLICITATION OR BID

1. Solicitations/bids normally will be completed using the instructions in this part since there is really no such thing as a "standard" procurement action, this part will address the items required to be completed.
2. Phone solicitations should be documented with the vendor name, date prepared, description of goods or services requested and the price.
3. If phone or written solicitations are difficult to obtain, then other sources may be used as solicitations to confirm the reasonableness of the price. Advertisements for similar products may be used for a price comparison, as well as, Blue Book on vehicles or equipment.
4. If the solicitations or bids are difficult to obtain a public notice may be required. This may be requested at the discretion of the district committee with notification to the legislative representatives.



**THE BIG HORN DISTRICT SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD KEEPING SYSTEM THAT SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES FOR AUDITING AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.**

**THE BIG HORN DISTRICT COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE'S BYLAWS THE PROPOSED BYLAWS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BIG HORN DISTRICT LEGISLATORS FOR APPROVAL AND WHEN APPROVED, THE BYLAWS WHEN APPROVED, MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES.**



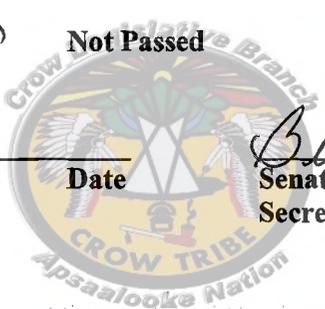
**“FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE BIG HORN DISTRICT”**

**Bill or Resolution Number** JAR 08-10 **Introduced by:** Senator Patrick L. Alden  
**Date of Vote:** Wednesday 10-15-2008

Senators	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Plain Bull Sr.	✓	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	✓	_____	_____
O. Costa	_____	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	✓	_____	_____
M. Not Afraid	✓	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr.	✓	_____	_____
B. House	✓	_____	_____
E. Fighter, Sr.	✓	_____	_____
C.J. Stewart	✓	_____	_____
L. Hogan, Jr.	_____	_____	_____
S. Fitzpatrick, Sr.	✓	_____	_____
O. Half, Jr.	✓	_____	_____
R. Old Crow, Sr.	✓	_____	_____
W. Plainfeather	✓	_____	_____
J. Stone, Sr.	✓	_____	_____
D. Wilson	_____	_____	_____
B. Shane <i>Secretary of the House</i>	✓	_____	_____
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	✓	_____	_____
Totals:	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of Vote: **Passed**      Not Passed      Tabled      Veto Override

  
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 Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr  
 Speaker of the House



  
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 Senator Beverly M. Shane      Date  
 Secretary of the House



Crow Country

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Larry Plain Bull, Sr.  
Oliver Costa  
Carlson Goes Ahead

### Big Horn:

#### Valley of the Give Away

Vincent Crooked Arm  
Marlin D. Not Afraid  
Pat Alden, Jr.

### Dunmore:

#### Black Lodge

Bruce R. House  
Ertis Fighter, Sr.  
Conrad J. Stewart

### Reno:

#### Center Lodge

Lloyd Hogan, Jr.  
Sidney Fitzpatrick, Jr.  
Oliver Half, Jr.

### Lodge Grass:

#### Valley of the Chief

Manuel Covers Up, Sr.  
Speaker of the House  
Rudolph K. Old Crow  
Woodrow Plainfeather

### Wyola:

#### Mighty Few

Beverly M. Shane  
Secretary of the House  
Jonathan D. Stone  
Dana Wilson

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William Old Crow  
Finance Officer/Admin.  
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Noel Two Leggins  
Legal Assistant

Kenny Pretty On Top  
Maintenance/Custodian  
Sergeant at Arms

Ronald Arneson, Esq.,  
Attorney At Law

## OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I, Beverly M. Shane, Secretary of the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government hereby this Transitional Action do deliver a True and Correct Official copy Of the Final Approval for the following Bill:

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PATRICK L. ALDEN, JR., BIG HORN DISTRICT

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**“FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE BIG HORN DISTRICT”**

No. JAR08-10 to Will C. Matt in the  
Position of: Exec. Branch a Hy. for the  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch.

Done and dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2008 @ 11:45 a.m./p.m.

Beverly M. Shane  
Beverly M. Shane  
Secretary of the House  
Legislative Branch of the  
Crow Tribal Government

Served by:  
Jackie Blacksmith  
Legislative Branch Staff

Cc: file

