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AGENDA REPORT
February 6, 2018

SUBJECT:

Repeal of Local Preference Policy

FISCAL IMPACT:

Indeterminate

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 3

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board pass the attached Resolution

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Brevard County's "local preference" policy was adopted, in its current form, in January of 2014. Since adoption, there have been instances in which this policy has been a deciding factor in awards. The policy is distorting the market, leading to increased costs for the County. As such, repealing the local preference policy would be in the best interest of the taxpayer.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Resolution Local Preference**

REVIEWERS:

Department

District 3

Reviewer

Lewis, Sally

RESOLUTION 18-_____

**RESCINDING BREVARD COUNTY'S "LOCAL PREFERENCE" POLICY IN ORDER TO
TREAT ALL ENTITIES SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH BREVARD COUNTY
EQUALLY**

WHEREAS, giving preference to businesses which have a place of business within the County and State ("local preference") during the procurement process disrupts and distorts market forces; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of County taxpayers to have the most efficient market in its procurements; and

WHEREAS, local preference inevitably leads to higher costs for Brevard County in its endeavors on behalf of citizens; and

WHEREAS, local preference policies discourage businesses from competing for business due to the reality and perception of an unbalanced selection process; and

WHEREAS, businesses located within Brevard County will continue to be competitive in responding to the needs of the County due to natural market forces and advantages; and

WHEREAS, basic principles of equity demand that all those seeking to do business with Brevard County are treated fairly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA, as follows:**

Section 1. Repealing Local Business Preference Policy

The Board of County Commissioners hereby repeals Resolutions 2014-031 and 2012-21, and any associated policy granting preference to entities with a place of business within Brevard County or the State of Florida, in its entirety

Section 2. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of execution and apply to any bid/RFP advertised after the date of execution

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this **6th day of February, 2018**

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK