The “Procurement Guide for Local Governments Receiving Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources” has been retired due to changes to procurement law.

On April 5, 2026, Wisconsin Act 188 increased the dollar thresholds for local general public works competitive bidding and notice requirements to $50,000 and $10,000, respectively. The act also created a new exception from local competitive bidding requirements for improvements that are constructed by a private entity and donated to a town or county, similar to the existing exemption for improvements donated to a city or village. For more information, refer to the Wisconsin Legislative Council’s Act Memo.

Please consult with your governing body or corporate counsel for more information. There may be additional restrictions or requirements in place beyond what is referenced within state statutes and federal regulations.

General Guidance: Recipients of DNR grants must comply with applicable state bidding and contracting requirements, see state statues below. Additional requirements may also apply to grants that originate with federal funds (e.g. Buy America Preferences). DNR grant staff can help identify these provisions in your grant award.

State statutes:

- Chapter 59.52(29) – Counties, https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/59
- Chapter 60.47 – Towns, https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/60/vi/47
- Chapter 61.54 – Villages, https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/61/54
- Chapter 62.15 – Cities, https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/62/i/15
- Chapter 200.47 - Metropolitan Sewerage Districts, https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/200/ii/47

Code of Federal Regulations:

- 2 CFR 200.317-327 - Procurement Standards
- 2 CFR Part 184 - Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects
- 2 CFR 200.321 – Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms
- 29 CFR Part 5 Subpart A - Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Provisions and Procedures