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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2012-004  
DATE April 27, 2012

**AN ORDER DIRECTING CERTAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA IN  
COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

**WHEREAS**, Maine law provides that competitive bidding is the primary means by which the State procures services;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine procures necessary services on a best-value basis and encourages full and open competition among all possible bidders;

**WHEREAS**, Maine law discourages the use of automatic in-state vendor preferences to ensure fair treatment of Maine companies in other states;

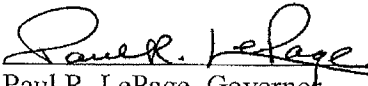
**WHEREAS**, this Administration recognizes that the value of services performed may have an impact on the economic health in both the private and public sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the potential returns on investment of State contracts is necessary to fully inform the contract award process;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. All service contracts expected to exceed \$100,000 in total value advertised for competitive bid shall include scoring criteria evaluating the responding bidder's economic impact on the Maine economy and State revenues. Such criteria shall be determined jointly by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases and the agency seeking proposals.

The effective date of this Executive Order is April 27, 2012.

  
Paul R. LePage, Governor