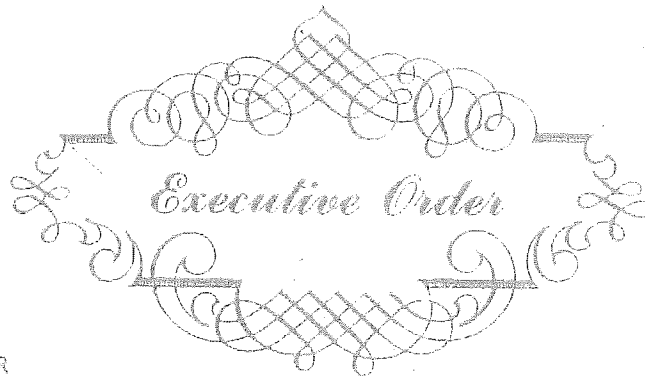


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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2017-003
DATE April 14, 2017

**AN ORDER RE-ESTABLISHING CERTAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA IN
COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

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

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

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

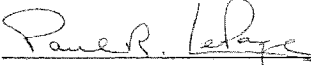
WHEREAS, recognizing the potential returns on investment of State contracts is necessary to fully inform best-value analysis during the contract award process; and

WHEREAS, this Administration recognizes the value of business enterprises located in the State and/or with a substantial investment in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby repeal Executive Order 2012-004 and re-establish evaluation criteria for competitive bidding as follows:

Evaluators of competitive bids for goods and services shall give consideration to the investment in the State by business enterprises as a best-value criterion. Consideration for Maine business enterprises may result in low cost or top scoring bids not being considered as the best-value for the State of Maine.

This Executive Order is effective April 17, 2017, for all competitive bids published on or after this date.


Paul R. LePage, Governor