

Purchasing Guidelines

The table below summarizes the items required of you when purchasing anything using Town funds. Please note that three verbal/written quotes are required for many purchases, and these must be submitted to the Billing Coordinator with the invoice and voucher for proper payment.

Town of Moreau Purchasing Requirements Based on 2022 Organizational Meeting & General Municipal Law			
Amount/Items Purchased	Board Approval?	Purchase Order?	Three/Four Quotes?
Under \$ 500	No	No*	None
\$ 500 up to \$ 1,000	No	No*	Three (Verbal)
\$ 1,000 up to \$ 2,000 – for the Supervisor & Highway/Water Depts.	No	Yes	Three (Verbal)
\$ 1,000 up to \$ 3,000, Unless Specified Above	Yes	Yes	Three (Verbal)
\$ 3,000 up to \$ 10,000	Yes	Yes	Three (Written)
\$ 10,000 up to \$ 20,000 (or \$ 35,000 for public works contracts)	Yes	Yes	Four (RFP Process)
Over \$ 20,000 (or \$ 35,000 for public works contracts)	Yes	Yes	Competitive Bidding Process
* Purchases (regardless of amount) which have been ordered in the current year but not received must have a purchase order so that the funds will be carried over into the next fiscal year.			

Voucher for Payment

Department Heads must obtain a completed voucher signed by the claimant in the certification section for each purchase. Multiple invoices may be attached to one “Summary Voucher.” Each voucher shall be submitted to the Billing Coordinator and include the following: (1) an original and itemized invoice, (2) any document showing approval by the Board, if necessary, (3) proof of delivery or service rendered, if applicable, and (4) a quote summary if over \$500.

The Town of Moreau “Purchase Request & Quote Summary” form shall be used and attached to all vouchers over \$500. If the purchase is subject to any of the following exceptions, please state it on the form: Sole Source Purchase, Emergency Purchase, Professional Services, and/or a purchase through State or County contract.

Purchase Orders

Purchase Orders should be used for EVERY purchase over \$1,000. Since, we use a multi-page purchase order, each page should be separated as follows:

- White – Submitted to vendor to initiate order (if necessary).
- Yellow – Retained by Department Head for documentation.
- Pink – Held by Department Head until the **final** voucher for the PO has been completed (if paid in installments) and submitted with final voucher to the Billing Coordinator to close PO.
- Golden – Submitted to Jeffrey to encumber Department funds when item is ordered.