

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-4S

RESOLUTION BY INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS, EXPRESSING THE POLICY OF RACINE COUNTY CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY EMERGING BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND RACINE COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE RACINE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, Resolution 2005-58 authorized a renovation and construction project for the Racine County Law Enforcement Center (hereinafter called the "project"); and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the project can provide an opportunity for economic benefit to Racine County residents by offering construction-related employment opportunities, Resolution 2005-58 called upon contractors or other persons bidding on the project to make a good faith effort to provide some participation by qualified unemployed or underemployed citizens of Racine County; and

WHEREAS, this project can also provide an opportunity for economic benefit to minority-owned, women-owned, and other emerging business enterprises, especially those located in Racine County, by offering them contracting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all county residents to encourage the growth of small businesses and to increase the job skills of, and job opportunities for, all county residents, especially those residing in areas most affected by unemployment; and

WHEREAS, a number of innovative worker training programs offered by accredited educational institutions and other qualified organizations in Racine County are preparing county residents for gainful employment in construction and related trades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that: it is the policy of Racine County that its residents and its minority-owned, women-owned, and other emerging business enterprises have the opportunity to derive legitimate financial benefit from the project, so long as such benefit does not increase the burden on Racine County taxpayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that, in furtherance of this policy:

- 1. The goals of Racine County for the project shall be that:

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- 5 a. with respect to the overall project, the hours of work performed by qualified
6 citizens of Racine County who are currently, or have recently been, unemployed
7 or underemployed, shall constitute at least 5% of the total hours worked on the
8 project; and
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 - 10 b. with respect to the total value of the project (less architect's fees, construction
11 manager fees, and similar expenses), the dollar value of goods, services, and
12 work provided by emerging business enterprises shall constitute at least 10%,
13 and the dollar value of goods, services, and work provided by emerging business
14 enterprises located in Racine County shall constitute at least 3%.
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- 16 2. To enhance the opportunities for participation by qualified citizens of Racine County
17 who are, or have recently been, unemployed or underemployed, each person or
18 contractor bidding on a contract shall certify that the bidder, and any subcontractor
19 with which the bidder proposes to contract, agrees to make good faith efforts to
20 provide some participation by such Racine County citizens; and each bidder shall
21 describe such efforts as part of its bidding package.
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- 23 3. To enhance the opportunities for participation by qualified emerging business
24 enterprises of Racine County, Racine County has taken, or expects to take,
25 measures that may facilitate such participation. Such measures may include using a
26 multi-contract bidding process to facilitate "unbundling", permitting contractors to
27 arrange for some forms of insurance under an owner-controlled insurance program
28 (OCIP), and providing training in the bidding process. In addition, through the
29 project's construction manager, through other interested organizations or entities, or
30 directly, Racine County may provide or facilitate opportunities for prospective
31 bidders and subcontractors to make contact with emerging business enterprises and
32 with qualified Racine County residents who are currently, or have recently been,
33 unemployed or underemployed.
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- 35 4. Upon completion of their contracts, successful bidders and their subcontractors shall
36 certify, in a form to be prescribed by Racine County, the extent to which the goods,
37 services, and work provided under their contracts have contributed to the overall
38 participation goals set forth in paragraph 1; and contractors shall maintain personnel
39 and other records, including records of subcontractors, necessary to verify such
40 certifications and shall make such records available to Racine County prior to final
41 payment.
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- 43 5. Bidders and prospective subcontractors seeking to demonstrate their status as
44 minority-owned, women-owned, or other forms of emerging business enterprises
45 shall submit, as part of their bid packages, adequate evidence that they are owned,
46 operated, and actively controlled at least 51% by United States citizens, or persons

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lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, and who are members of the described categories. Alternatively, bidders and prospective subcontractors may submit adequate evidence that they have been designated as minority-owned, women-owned, or some other form of emerging business enterprise by the State of Wisconsin, by an entity of Wisconsin local government, or by an intermediary authorized to package/submit applications for the US Small Business Administration (SBA) Minority, Women and Veteran Pre-qualification Loan Programs. In the event of designation by another entity, however, Racine County may reserve the right to require further evidence of such status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the policy stated herein and the goals set forth herein shall be pursued in good faith, for the good of all of Racine County and to the extent consistent with fundamental considerations of public safety, economy, and project construction feasibility.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____
2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION
Adopted _____
For _____
Against _____
Absent _____

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VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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