Chapter 18

Defining Responsible Bidder

SECTION

1-18-1

WHEREAS, the definition of responsible bidder needs to be expanded in the case of bidders for construction projects (construction of new facilities, renovation of current facilities, or road construction projects) over $20,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Rock Island County, Illinois, that the following definition be adopted:

Responsible Bidder for construction contracts means a bidder as defined in 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(b). The county will also consider:

A. All applicable laws prerequisite to doing business in Illinois.

B. Evidence of compliance with:
   1. Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number (for individuals)

C. Certificates of insurance indicating the following coverages: general liability, worker’s compensation, completed operations, automobile, hazardous occupation, product liability, and professional liability.

D. Compliance with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance, and retirement for those trades as covered in the Act.

E. Active participation in apprenticeship and training with craft specific programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.
F. Highway Department projects shall be exempt from provisions in this Ordinance that are not in concurrence with Illinois Department of Transportation rules.

G. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to federally funded construction projects if such application would jeopardize the receipt or use of federal funds in support of such a project.

H. All contractors and sub-contractors are required to turn in certified payroll on a weekly basis.

I. All bidding contractors or subcontractors performing work on public works projects in Rock Island County shall provide proof that they have a program or policy in place for the prevention of drug abuse.

J. Certification from the bidder that all employees expected to perform work on the project have completed a 10-hour or greater OSHA safety program in the last 5 years. Only workers who have satisfactorily completed a 10-hour or greater OSHA safety program will be allowed to participate in the project. The bidder must have copies of employee OSHA cards on file and the county may request that the bidder provide copies of employee OSHA cards. Failure to produce an employee’s OSHA card may result in determination that a bidder is not a responsible bidder.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that nothing herein hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights accrued or liability incurred or cause or causes of action accrued or existing under any prior Resolution or Ordinance. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Done in open meeting this 18th day of October, 2016

[Signatures]

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