

No. 1978-240

AN ACT

HB 2356

Amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No.14), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," further regulating contracts, contract procedures and advertising for bids.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1.1 of Article XV, act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No.14), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," amended November 23, 1976 (P.L.1142, No.246), is amended to read:

ARTICLE XV.

Contracts.

Section 1.1. Every contract relating to city affairs shall be authorized by general or specific ordinance of council and shall be let in the manner prescribed by council. All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder except in the following cases:

I. Purchases at public sale or pursuant to tariffs on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

II. Contracts for personal or professional services;

III. Contracts with political subdivisions, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States Government or with any agencies or authorities of such governmental bodies; or

IV. Purchases of personal property where, by reason of patents or copyrights, the required type of item is available from only one seller.

For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount exceeding **[two thousand dollars] two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)**, invitations for bids shall be issued pursuant to reasonable notice, which shall be by advertisement and all bids shall be filed with the city controller and opened publicly at a time and place to be designated in the notice, and the figures shall be announced to persons present. For competitive bidding on contracts involving an amount of **[two thousand dollars] two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)**, or less, the Director of the Department of Supplies may obtain oral bids or letter bids or may proceed by a comparison of specific prices as set forth in the sellers' literature.

Every contract for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works shall comply with the provisions of the act of March 3, 1978 (No.3), known as the "Steel Products Procurement Act."

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 4th day of October, A. D. 1978.

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