

RESOLUTION NO. 138

REQUESTING THE EVALUATION OF THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTING THE BEST VALUE METHOD OF PROCURING BID GOODS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AWARD OF PROPOSALS

Introduced: 4/9/12

By Messrs. Cotrofeld, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson, Steck and Ward:

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Laws of New York for 2012 amended Section 103 of the General Municipal Law to allow the procurement of bid goods to be awarded on the basis of best value rather than lowest cost, and

WHEREAS, In order to adopt the aforementioned best value method, this Honorable Body is required to adopt a local law to authorize the use of that procurement method, and it is in the best interests of the County to have the potential advantages of such a change to the procurement policy reviewed and evaluated prior to acting, and

WHEREAS, During said review of the procurement policy it would be equally advantageous to include potential changes concerning requests for proposals, and

WHEREAS, In recent months, this Honorable Body was unable to take advantage of a job growth opportunity due to the language used in the County's procurement documents regarding a request for proposals pertaining to the supply and administration of drugs at the Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, The County was restrained from considering such economic development benefits since it was not part of the procurement documents and therefore not considered when reviewing and scoring the submitted proposals, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Purchasing Agent and County Attorney are requested to review the potential advantages of adopting the best value method of procuring bid goods as authorized by Chapter 2 of the Laws of New York for 2012 and to review and develop eligibility criteria to enhance economic development opportunities such as job creation in the scoring and awarding of proposals in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 4/9/12