

RESOLUTION NO. 127

DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MOVING SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

Introduced 4/10/06
By Ms. Barlette:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Social Services pays for certain moving expenses for eligible public assistance recipients, and

WHEREAS, The current system requires recipients to bring three (3) quotes for moving services to the Department of Social Services who will then authorize payment to the moving contractor with the lowest quote, and

WHEREAS, In 2004 the Albany County Department of Social Services issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for moving services, and

WHEREAS, Such RFP process would establish a list of DOT certified/County authorized moving contractors that eligible public assistance recipients could use for moving needs without obtaining quotes, and

WHEREAS, The goals of establishing such a list was to: streamline the process of engaging movers for eligible public assistance recipients, provide a more cost effective process for the County, and ensure that the most qualified DOT certified movers are entrusted with household goods, and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Department of Social Services were prudent and fiscally responsible, and

WHEREAS, In 2004 several moving contractors responded to the County's RFP and certain DOT certified contractors were selected by the Department of Social Services, and subsequently the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services brought forth a request to the Legislature's Social Services Committee to award contracts to the selected DOT certified moving contractors, and

WHEREAS, The award of such contracts was stifled due to influence by a non DOT certified mover, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services is hereby directed to re-issue the RFP for DOT certified moving contractors within 30 days of the passage of this Resolution, 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 Social Services Committee. 4/10/06