

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Local Business Enterprise Bid Discounts]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to allow the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Local Business Enterprises to receive Bid Discounts on eligible SFPUC Regional Project contracts, with certain restrictions.

Existing Law

Under the Local Business Enterprise (LBE) Utilization and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance, Chapter 14B of the Administrative Code, small businesses located within the Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) water system service area can be certified as a SFPUC-LBE if they meet the size and ownership criteria for LBEs. With certain restrictions, SFPUC-LBE prime contractors are eligible to receive bid discounts or rating bonuses when bidding or proposing on SFPUC Regional Contracts. SFPUC-LBEs are not eligible to receive bid discounts or rating bonuses on SFPUC Regional Contracts 70 miles or more outside the City, or where some or all of the cost of the project will be shared by members of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), where application of the bid discount or rating bonus would adversely impact the ranking of a bid or proposal submitted by any LBE.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would correct an inadvertent mistake made in legislation passed in 2015, returning the provision back to the original language with some clarifications. This ordinance would clarify that SFPUC-LBEs would be eligible for bid discounts or rating bonuses just like LBEs for all SFPUC Regional Projects with one exception. For SFPUC Regional Projects performed 70 miles or more outside of San Francisco where no cost is shared by BAWSCA, SFPUC-LBEs would be eligible for bid discounts or rating bonuses where application of the discount or bonus would not adversely impact the ranking of a bid or proposal submitted by an LBE.

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