

MEMORANDUM

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

FROM: Robert H. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney 

SUBJECT: **Worksession 2:** Bill 61-14, Contracts and Procurement - Local Business Subcontracting Program

Expected attendees:

Cherri Branson, Director of Procurement
Pam Jones, Procurement
Grace Denno, Procurement

Bill 61-14, Contracts and Procurement - Local Business Subcontracting Program, sponsored by the Council President at the request of the County Executive, was introduced on November 25, 2014. A public hearing was held on January 13 and a Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee worksession was held on March 19.

Background

Bill 61-14 would establish a Local Business Subcontracting Program requiring 10% of the dollars related to an initial procurement contract award that is estimated to be valued at more than \$10 million to be subcontracted to a Local Business. The Bill would define a local business as a for-profit business that has its principal place of business in the County. The Bill would also require the Executive to adopt a regulation, by Method 2, further defining a local business and the certification process. The Director of the Office of Procurement¹ or her designee would be responsible for certifying a business as a local business. The Bill would also authorize the Director to waive all or part of the local subcontracting requirements for a specific contract.

The Bill would take effect on July 1, 2015 and apply to a solicitation for a high dollar value contract issued after July 1, 2015.

Public Hearing

The only witness at the public hearing, DGS Director David Dise, representing the Executive, supported the Bill. (©13)

¹ After Bill 61-14 was introduced, the Office of Procurement became a principal office in the Executive Branch independent of the Department of General Services.

March 19 GO Worksession

Councilmember Rice attended the meeting in addition to the Committee members. DGS Director David Dise, Assistant CAO Bonnie Kirkland, Grace Denno, DGS, and Pam Jones, DGS represented the Executive Branch. Linda Price, Legislative Analyst and Robert Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney, represented the Council Staff. The Committee discussed the Bill with the Executive Branch representatives. The Committee requested comments from the MFD Task Force before making a decision.

Issues

1. What is the fiscal and economic impact of the Bill?

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reports that the County currently has approximately 85 contracts valued at more than \$10 million for a total value of \$2.4 billion. (©8-12) Although OMB acknowledged that a bidder may increase the price of a bid due to the local subcontracting requirements, OMB was unable to estimate the potential cost of these increased bid prices. OMB estimated that the Bill would require the addition of 2 half-time employees to implement the Program at an annual recurring cost of \$79,220. The Finance Department indicated that the Program would target approximately \$270 million to local businesses, but they were unable to estimate the economic impact on County businesses. The Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement does not estimate the amount of high dollar value contracts currently being awarded to local businesses.

2. Would Bill 61-14 create a preference for County businesses that would trigger a reciprocal preference against a County business when bidding in a different jurisdiction?

Md. State Finance and Procurement Code §14-401 establishes a reciprocal preference for a Maryland business against a business located in another State if that other State provides a preference for a business located in that State. Section 14-401 provides that the State must provide the Maryland business with the same preference offered to the out-of-State business in its own State. According to a chart recently published by the State of Oregon, this type of reciprocal local preference exists in 43 other States. See ©18-19. These defensive reciprocal preference laws are designed to discourage local preference laws in other States.

Md. Local Gov't Art. §1-402 authorizes a political subdivision of the State to give a Maryland business a preference against a bidder from another State if the other State gives a preference to its local businesses. Bill 49-14, Contracts and Procurement - Formal Solicitation - Reciprocal Local Preference, enacted on April 14, 2015, implements this State enabling act. Both of these Maryland laws are designed to discourage local preferences in other States.

A local preference law that adds a percentage preference to a bid by a County business against a business from another State would probably trigger a reciprocal local preference law

when a Maryland business places a bid in one of the 43 other States with a reciprocal local preference law. While some States (or Counties in Maryland) may use the local subcontracting program that would be established by Bill 61-14 to provide a preference for local businesses in that State, it is likely that most would not. Bill 61-14 does not discriminate against non-local prime bidders; it favors County-based subcontractors.

3. Do other Maryland Counties have a local preference for a County-based business?

Allegany, Caroline, Cecil, Frederick, Garrett, and Prince George's counties have a local preference law benefitting local County-based businesses in certain types of contracts. The Prince George's County Code §10A-160 includes a 10% price preference for a County-based business. Therefore, once Bill 49-14 takes effect on January 1, 2016, the County may be required to award a contract to a County business that is within 10% of the low bid from a Prince George's County business. Enactment of Bill 61-14 may trigger a 10% local subcontracting requirement on a contract in another Maryland County or in another State.

4. Does the reciprocal preference in Bill 49-14 conflict with Bill 61-14?

Bill 49-14 creates a reciprocal local preference. Bill 61-14 would create a mandatory local subcontracting program for high value contracts. Although they can both be implemented together, they represent conflicting policy values. Bill 49-14 is a defensive reaction designed to discourage State and local preferences that work against a County business. Bill 61-14 is a local preference law designed to benefit a County business at the expense of a business located outside of the County – including a business located in a different Maryland County.

5. Are County businesses underutilized on high value contracts?

Bill 61-14 would establish a mandatory subcontracting program for local businesses that is similar to the current MFD subcontracting program. The MFD program is designed to remedy the effects of past discrimination against businesses owned by women and certain minority groups. As discussed in the packet for Bill 48-14, the County hired a consultant to prepare a comprehensive disparity study to determine if MFD businesses were underutilized in County contracts and if that underutilization can be attributed to discrimination on the basis of race, gender, or disability. A mandatory subcontracting program for local businesses would not be based upon race or gender and would therefore not be subject to the strict scrutiny test under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. However, it would still be instructive to determine if County businesses are underutilized on high value contracts before establishing a mandatory local subcontracting program.

Council staff requested DGS for statistics on the number of high value contracts and the portion of each contract that was subcontracted to a County business. See DGS Answers at ©14-17. Unfortunately, DGS does not track data on local subcontractors. DGS told us that 23% (\$167,688,239) of the \$722 million in high value contracts were awarded to a County based prime contractor. Several of these high value contracts were awarded to non-local businesses providing group health insurance for County employees and retirees which may have no subcontracting opportunities. Although we do not know, it is highly likely that more than 10% of local

subcontracts on high value contracts with significant subcontracting opportunities are already awarded to local businesses. Even if we knew how much was awarded to County subcontractors, we do not have data on the availability of County businesses in the relevant market to determine if they are underutilized.

6. The recommendation from the Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force.

The Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force recommended not enacting Bill 61-14 for several reasons. See the June 3 memo from the Chair at ©20. The Task Force pointed out that there is no evidence of underrepresentation of local subcontractors on large contracts. They also argued that this new program would detract from the Local Small Business Reserve Program, increase the complexity of the procurement system, and divert time and attention of Procurement staff from increasing the use of local small businesses.

7. Should the Council enact Bill 61-14?

County procurement often struggles with competing purposes. First, the County has an obligation to County residents to obtain the best goods and services from contractors for the best possible price. This is normally served by using an open competitive process for the award of a County contract. The County sometimes attempts to use its contracting dollars to serve a different public purpose.

For example, the County has a Local Small Business Reserve Program that reserves certain contracts for local small businesses. The County Procurement Law also has a Minority Owned Business Program. Bill 48-14 will add a new requirement for contracts awarded by a request for proposals. The County has a Prevailing Wage Law that requires a County construction contractor to pay at least the prevailing wage set by the State. Bill 29-14, requested by the Executive, will require County service contractors to provide additional reports on wages paid to their employees. The County Wage Requirements Law already requires most service contractors to pay all employees working on a County service contract at least a living wage, currently set at \$14.15 per hour. This Bill would add a new mandatory local business subcontracting requirement for high value contracts.

Each of these procurement laws supports a strong public policy, but also runs counter to the County's overall obligation to obtain the best goods and services for the best price. The resulting procurement system is complicated and sometimes slow. It can be difficult to navigate. However, each new procurement requirement adds an incremental layer of complexity.

Bill 61-14 raises some interesting policy questions. Is there a problem that needs a remedy? We do not know! Will this make the solicitation of high value contracts more complex? Yes. Procurement would have to certify businesses as a local business. Procurement would have to respond to complaints about a business that was improperly certified or denied certification. Procurement would have to audit contracts for compliance. Procurement would also have to respond to requests for a full or partial waiver of the requirement. Finally, bidders would have to begin to use the location of the business as part of their recruiting process along with looking for MFD firms. It is difficult to see the potential benefits of this program being worth the additional

complexity it would create. **Council staff recommendation:** do not enact this Bill and request Procurement to begin tracking information on subcontractors on high value contracts.

8. Effective date.

The Bill, as introduced, has an effective date of July 1, 2015. If the Council enacts this Bill, the Bill must be amended to change the July 1 effective date.

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Bill No. 61-14
Concerning: Contracts and Procurement
- Local Business Subcontracting
Program
Revised: 11/20/14 Draft No. 3
Introduced: November 25, 2014
Expires: May 25, 2016
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: _____
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN ACT to:

- (1) increase the participation of local businesses in certain large County procurement contracts;
- (2) establish a subcontracting goal for local businesses in certain large County procurement contracts;
- (3) establish a Local Business Subcontracting Program for certain County procurement contracts; and
- (4) generally amend the law governing County procurement.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 11B, Contracts and Procurement
Article XVII. Local Business Subcontracting Program
Sections 11B-78 through 11B-83

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Sections 11B-78, 11B-79, 11B-80, 11B-81, 11B-82, and 11B-83 are**
 2 **added as follows:**

3 **Article XVII. Local Business Subcontracting Program**

4 **11B-78. Definitions.**

5 In this Section, the following words have the meanings indicated:

6 Broker means a person that provides goods or services (other than real estate,
 7 investment, or insurance sales) on a pass-through basis as follows:

8 (1) a supplier of goods who:

9 (A) does not own, operate, or maintain a place of business in
 10 which goods of the general character required under the
 11 contract are kept in stock in the regular course of
 12 business;

13 (B) does not regularly assume physical custody or possession
 14 of goods of comparable character to those offered to the
 15 County, or

16 (C) exclusively acts as a middleman in the sale of goods to
 17 the County; or

18 (2) a supplier of services who does not regularly maintain the
 19 capability, capacity, training, experience, and applicable
 20 regulatory licensing to directly perform the principal tasks of a
 21 contract with the County and must provide the principal tasks
 22 through a subcontract with a third party.

23 Contract Award means the delivery by the County of a fully executed contract
 24 to an offeror.

25 High Dollar Value Contract means an initial Contract Award that is estimated
 26 to exceed \$10 million.

27 Local Business means a for-profit business other than a broker that has its
 28 principal place of business in the County, as further defined by Executive
 29 Regulation, and that is certified by the Director as a Local Business under the
 30 provisions of this Article.

31 Local Business Program Manager means a person designated by the Director
 32 to administer and monitor the Local Business Subcontracting Program.

33 Local Business Subcontractor means a Local Business that enters into a
 34 contract with a Contractor to perform work related to a High Dollar Value
 35 Contract for that Contractor.

36 **11B-79. Goals; applicability.**

37 (a) Local Business Subcontracting Goals. This subsection establishes the
 38 following Local Small Business subcontracting goals:

- 39 (1) at least 10% of the contract dollars awarded for each High Dollar
 40 Value Contract should be awarded to a Local Business; and
 41 (2) at least 10% of the total dollar value of all High Dollar Value
 42 Contracts in the aggregate should be awarded to Local
 43 Businesses.

44 (b) Applicability. The Local Business Subcontracting Program goals apply
 45 to each High Dollar Value Contract except:

- 46 (1) grants or appropriations under Section 11B-14 (a) (3) and (4);
 47 (2) cooperative procurements under Section 11B-40;
 48 (3) public entity contracts under Section 11B-41;
 49 (4) emergency procurements under Section 11B-16; or
 50 (5) bridge contracts, under Section 11B-42, if the Director
 51 determines in writing that compliance with this Article is
 52 impractical or is outweighed by the benefits to the County of
 53 entering into a bridge contract.

54 **11B-80. Procedures.**

- 55 (a) The Director, at the time of a solicitation, must publish notification to
 56 businesses when the solicitation may result in a High Dollar Value
 57 Contract.
- 58 (b) The Director must encourage Local Business participation in applicable
 59 High Dollar Value Contract opportunities by:
- 60 (1) adding a provision in a solicitation for a High Dollar Value
 61 Contract that requires a Contractor to exercise good faith in its
 62 effort to subcontract 10% of the dollar value of the contract to
 63 one or more Local Businesses;
- 64 (2) requiring a Contractor on a High Dollar Value Contract to:
- 65 (A) submit a Local Business subcontracting plan describing
 66 how the Contractor proposes to meet the 10% Local
 67 Business Subcontracting Program goal;
- 68 (B) identify, before initial Contract Award, each Local
 69 Business with which the Contractor intends to subcontract
 70 and the projected dollar amount of each subcontract or
 71 percentage of the contract dollar amount allocated to each
 72 subcontract; and
- 73 (C) promptly notify the Using Department of any change in the
 74 information required under (A) and (B) of this subsection
 75 during the contract term.
- 76 (3) requiring the Contractor to comply with Local Business
 77 Subcontracting Program goals throughout the contract term.
- 78 (c) A Contractor's failure to satisfy the requirements of the Local Business
 79 Subcontracting Program, including a failure to submit documentation
 80 required by the Director to show compliance, may constitute a breach of

81 the contract for which the County may withhold payment or impose
82 liquidated damages, in addition to any other remedies available to the
83 County.

84 (d) The Director may waive all or part of the Local Business subcontracting
85 requirements for a specific contract under appropriate circumstances as
86 established by Executive Regulation.

87 (e) The Director may require each Contractor and Local Business that
88 participates in the Local Business Subcontracting Program to provide
89 information concerning utilization by the Contractor of Local
90 Businesses in a High Dollar Value Contract.

91 **11B-81. Regulations.**

92 The County Executive must adopt a regulation, by Method 2, to implement
93 this Article. The regulation must include:

94 (a) monitoring procedures to assist a contract administrator and the Local
95 Business Program Manager to determine compliance by a Contractor
96 with the Local Business Subcontracting Program;

97 (b) certification requirements for a business to qualify as a Local Business
98 under this Article; and

99 (c) procedures to certify or decertify a Local Business.

100 **11B-82. No Standing to Challenge Contract Award.**

101 This Article does not give any person, including a Local Business, any right or
102 status, including standing, to challenge the award of a contract or subcontract arising
103 from the County procurement system. The provisions of this Article are enforceable
104 only through the oversight function of the Chief Administrative Officer or his
105 designee.

106 **11B-83. Penalty.**

107 (a) A person must not:

108 (1) fraudulently obtain or retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid
109 another person in fraudulently obtaining or retaining, or
110 attempting to obtain or retain, certification as a Local Business
111 for the purpose of this Article;

112 (2) willfully make a false statement to a County official or employee
113 for the purpose of influencing the certification of an entity as a
114 Local Business; or

115 (3) fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in
116 fraudulently obtaining, or attempting to obtain, public monies to
117 which the person is not entitled under this Article.

118 (b) A violation of this Article:

119 (1) is a class A violation; and

120 (2) may disqualify the violator from doing business with the County
121 for up to 2 years.

122 **Sec. 2. Effective Date**

123 This Act takes effect on July 1, 2015 and applies to any High Dollar Value
124 Contract arising from a solicitation issued on or after July 1, 2015.

125 *Approved:*

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Craig L. Rice, President, County Council

Date

127 *Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 61- 14

Contracts and Procurement - Local Business Subcontracting Program

- DESCRIPTION:** Establish a goal that 10% of the dollars related to an initial procurement contract award that is valued above \$10 million should go to a local business.
- PROBLEM:** Contracts that are over \$10 million are exempted from the Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP). This Bill would reserve a portion of those contracts dollars to local businesses.
- GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** This Bill would establish a program to require each prime contractor of a High Dollar Value Contract to subcontract to a Local Business to perform and receive compensation for at least 10% of the value of the initial Contract Award.
- COORDINATION:** CEX, DGS, OCA, DED
- FISCAL IMPACT:** DGS personnel cost to support this program: \$153,000
- ECONOMIC IMPACT:** No economic impact
- EVALUATION:** To be requested.
- EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:** To be requested.
- SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** Grace Denno and Pam Jones, DGS
- APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:** Not applicable.
- PENALTIES:** Violation of this program may cause liquidated damages assessment against the contractor.



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEMORANDUM

December 15, 2014

TO: George Leventhal, President, County Council

FROM: Jennifer A. Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Department of Finance

SUBJECT: FEIS for Council Bill 61-14, Local Business Subcontracting Program

Please find attached the fiscal and economic impact statements for the above-referenced legislation.

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cc: Bonnie Kirkland, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Austin, Offices of the County Executive
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Patrick Lacefield, Director, Public Information Office
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Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Bill 61-14, Local Contracts and Procurement – Local Business
Subcontracting Program

1. Legislative Summary

Contracts valued at over \$10 million are currently exempt from the existing Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP).

The proposed legislation establishes a goal for a Contractor to subcontract with local businesses in an initial contract award that is valued over \$10 million and for the local business to receive compensation of at least 10% of the value of the contract award.

There are approximately 85 contracts with each over \$10 million in value. The total current value of all contracts over \$10 million dollars is \$2.4 billion. The legislation stipulates that 10% of the dollars related to an initial procurement contract award that is valued above \$10 million should go to Local Businesses.

2. An estimate of changes in County revenues and expenditures regardless of whether the revenues or expenditures are assumed in the recommended or approved budget. Includes source of information, assumptions, and methodologies used.

No revenues are expected from the proposed legislation.

Expenditures related to the proposed legislation are difficult to estimate. There is a potential for bidders or offerors to build their increased costs resulting from use of local subcontractors into their rates or prices offered to the County. The cost increase to the County cannot be estimated at this time.

3. Revenue and expenditure estimates covering at least the next 6 fiscal years.
See item #2.

4. An actuarial analysis through the entire amortization period for each bill that would affect retiree pension or group insurance costs.

The proposed legislation does not affect retiree pension or group insurance costs.

5. An estimate of expenditures related to County's information technology (IT systems), including Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.

The proposed legislation's expenditures will not affect ERP systems.

6. Later actions that may affect future revenue and expenditures if the bill authorizes future spending.

The proposed legislation does not authorize future spending.

7. An estimate of the staff time needed to implement the bill.

DGS estimates that one (1.0) FTE is necessary to implement this legislation for a total annual cost of \$79,220 per year¹ plus associated expenses of \$5,468, for a total first-year cost of approximately \$84,688.

One half (0.5) FTE is for a Local Business Program Manager (Grade 23) with a financial background is needed to review vendors' eligibility, conduct site visits, validate compliance, compile reports, and conduct outreach at \$42,813 per year. DGS estimates associated operating expenses for the position at \$2,734.²

One half (0.5) FTE for a Procurement Specialist (under-filled at Grade 16) to analyze bid and proposal submissions related to additional solicitation and contract compliance requirements, coordinate with the Office of Business Relations and Compliance (OBRC) and Contract Administrators (CA) related to local business eligibility and applicability, to issue, approve and track legally required determination and finding recommendations under the Procurement process, to report, as needed or required and CA training at \$30,940 per year. DGS estimates associated operating expenses for the position \$2,734.

8. An explanation of how the addition of new staff responsibilities would affect other duties.

The Program Manager is needed for OBRC to manage this new program to review vendors' eligibility, conduct site visits, validate compliance, review reports, conduct outreach; and provide training.

The Procurement Specialist (Expeditor) will solely focus on minimizing delays that the new program may cause. The existing Procurement resources will not be able to cover the new additional tasks for this program, including: review bid/proposal submissions, determine for variances in application of law, track and report, and train Contract Administrators.

9. An estimate of costs when an additional appropriation is needed.

An appropriation of \$79,220 is needed in the first year of the proposed bill's implementation. On-going personnel would require an appropriation of \$79,220 for the 1.0 combined FTE.

10. A description of any variable that could affect revenue and cost estimates.

¹ Assumes compensation (salary and benefits of 25%) at the mid-point of grade.

² Assumes a desktop computer with MS Office (\$1,074 one-time), phone expenses (\$660 per year), and initial furniture (\$1,000 one-time).

There is a potential for Bidders or Offerors to build their increased costs resulting from use of local subcontractors into their rates or offers to the County. The cost increase to the County cannot be estimated at this time.

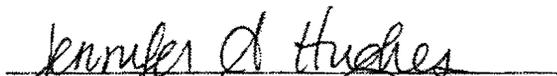
11. Ranges of revenue or expenditures that are uncertain or difficult to project.
See item #2.

12. If a bill is likely to have no fiscal impact, why that is the case.
Not applicable.

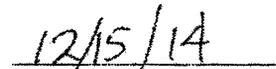
13. Other fiscal impacts or comments.
None

14. The following contributed to and concurred with this analysis:

Grace Denno, Office of Business Relations and Compliance, Department of General Services
Pam Jones, Office of Procurement, Department of General Services
Beryl Feinberg, Department of General Services
Angela Dizelos, Department of General Services
Erika Lopez-Finn, Office of Management and Budget



Jennifer A. Hughes, Director
Office of Management and Budget



Date

Economic Impact Statement
Bill 61-14, Local Business Subcontracting Program

Background:

This legislation would establish a goal that ten percent (10%) of an initial procurement contract award above \$10 million should go to local businesses. Under the proposed legislation, therefore, the prime contractor would subcontract with local businesses in an initial award of the contract value over \$10 million and local businesses would receive compensation for at least ten percent (10%) of the value of the contract.

1. The sources of information, assumptions, and methodologies used.

Source of information is the Office of Business Relations and Compliance (OBRC), Department of General Services (DGS). According to OBRC, there were eighty-four (84) contracts awarded with a value of over \$10 million. The total value of these contracts was \$2.37 billion. Based on the above data, approximately \$237.0 million is targeted to be awarded or subcontracted to local businesses.

2. A description of any variable that could affect the economic impact estimates.

The variables that could affect the economic impact estimates are the number of contracts awarded with a value of over \$10 million and the difference in contracts awarded to local businesses compared to previous years.

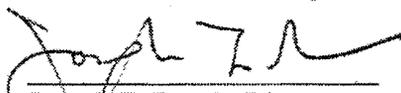
3. The Bill's positive or negative effect, if any on employment, spending, saving, investment, incomes, and property values in the County.

The legislation would have an economic impact on business revenues and a possible increase in local employment, incomes, and investments. However, without specificity of data regarding employment and business expansion by the local businesses and baseline data on current awards it is difficult to specifically quantify the change in the economic impact.

4. If a Bill is likely to have no economic impact, why is that the case?

See paragraph #3.

5. The following contributed to or concurred with this analysis: David Platt and Rob Hagedoorn, Department of Finance; and Grace Denno, Office of Business Relations and Compliance, Department of General Services.



Joseph F. Beach, Director
Department of Finance

12/12/14

Date

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**TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT
ON LOCAL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING
BILL 61-14**

January 13, 2015

I am David Dise, Director of Montgomery County's Department of General Services. I am pleased to testify on behalf of County Executive Isiah Leggett in support of Bill 61-14, Local Business Subcontracting Program, introduced November 21, 2014, by then Council President Rice. Mr. Leggett thanks Councilmember Rice's support in this effort to address the ongoing need to support and increase local business access to County contracting opportunities.

This Bill establishes a local business subcontracting goal for companies acting as prime contractors on large County contracts. The current Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) reserves qualifying County contracts *under* \$10 million to local small business competition. This Bill will provide increased opportunity to all Montgomery County based businesses by ensuring some measure of participation on County contracts valued *over* \$10 million, which includes contracts for engineering and architectural design, construction services, insurance, health and human services, IT commodities and services, trash/recycling collecting services, custodial services, storm water management services, and transportation services.

In FY15 to-date Montgomery County has contracted for \$722 million in goods and services through contracts over the \$10 million threshold. While the percent of local business participation in FY15 is 23%, the participation rate varies from year to year, as it does with the type of contract; such as construction or professional services. This legislation will ensure opportunity across *all* business categories as well as establish a minimum participation rate to ensure continuity of opportunity in future years.

Montgomery County has a robust, active and responsive local business community. These businesses employ local residents, provide good jobs, and are foundational to the local economy. This bill will ensure more opportunities for local businesses while maintaining healthy competition and ensuring the best value for the expenditure of public funds.

County Executive Leggett applauds the Council's support and recognition of the need to support the local business community and strengthen the local economy through this legislation.

1. In your testimony at the public hearing you stated that 23% of the \$722 million in contracts valued at more than \$10 million went to local businesses. Does the 23% include awards to a local prime contractor or just subcontracts?

This 23% (\$167,688,239) actually is the local vendors who are primes. we currently do not track data on local subcontractors.

Here is the breakdown:

For FY15, 2 new construction projects were awarded to local vendors for a total of \$84,755,000 to local businesses

Montgomery County Multi-Agency Service Park Public Safety Training Academy	CONST	RFP	Hess Construction + Engineering Services, Inc.	14-Nov-14	\$68,755,000.00
Residential Road Resurfacing - Primary award	CONST	IFB	Francis O. Day Co., Inc.	24-Dec-14	\$16,000,000.00

For FY15, the routine contracts below were expired and re-awarded, at a total of \$82,933,239

GTM Architects, Inc.	Department of General Services	James Stiles	\$ 30,000,000
CERTIFIED BUILDING SERVICES	Department of General Services	Michael Harkness	\$ 16,656,239
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT	Department of Environmental Protection	Carmen Ruby	\$ 17,160,000
MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY TV	Department of Technology Services	Donna Keating	\$ 19,117,000

2. Please provide a list of each contract awarded in FY 14 valued at more than \$10 million, including the type of goods or services provided. For each contract, please provide the percent of the contract subcontracted to local businesses and the overall amount of the contract awarded to local businesses including the prime contractor.

We currently do not track local subcontracting information. Contracts awarded to local businesses, as prime contractors, are highlighted in yellow in the chart below and represents 7% of these dollars (\$35.87m/\$479.4m). The chart below lists all FY14 contracts over \$10 million:

CONT#	CONTRACT DESC	VENDOR	CITY	STATE	date execution	amount estimated
1030764	Prescription Plan	CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C.	Northbrook	IL	21-Jan-14	123,000,000.00
1030769	Point-of-Service Plans, Retiree Indemnity Plan	Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc,	Owings Mills	MD	21-Jan-14	81,000,000.00
1030766	Fully-Insured Staff Model Health Maintenance Organization Medical Plan	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.	Rockville (does not meet County's definition of Local Business)	MD	03-Feb-14	61,200,000.00
1027827	Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Food Distribution Relocation	Costello Construction Of Maryland, Inc.	Columbia	MD	10-Sep-13	37,790,000.00
1040850	Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Modernization	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Schaumburg	IL	27-Jun-14	28925629
1038489	Dennis Avenue Health Center	Walsh Construction Company II, LLC	Chicago	IL	13-May-14	22,989,000.00
1029292	Health Care Services for Low Income, Uninsured Adults (Montgomery Cares)	Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County Maryland, Inc.	Silver Spring	MD	01-Jul-13	22,819,812.48
1030767	Self-Insured Extended Provider Option Medical Plan	United HealthCare Services, Inc.	Hartford	CT	03-Feb-14	22,211,000.00
1039448	North Potomac Community Recreation Center	Dustin Construction, Inc.	Ijamsville	MD	22-May-14	18,932,000.00
1033169	Firm Natural Gas Supply	Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc.	Herndon	VA	07-Nov-13	15,000,000.00
1027826	Public Safety (PSTA) & Multi Agency Service Park - Site Development	Pleasants Construction, Inc.	Clarksburg	MD	14-Aug-13	13,052,000.00

1035901	Self Insured PPO Type Dental Benefits and Related Administrative Services	United Concordia Companies, Inc. d/b/a United Concordia Dental	Hunt Valley	MD	15-Jan-14	12,000,000.00
1033010	Design, Build, Operate and Maintain two CNG facilities at the County EMOC	Integrays Transportation Fuels, d/b/a Trillium CNG	Salt Lake City	UT	28-Feb-14	10,500,000.00
1011775	Engineering Services for Transportation Design & Planning	The Wilson T Ballard Company	Owings Mill	MD	29-Mar-14	10,000,000.00
Total						479,419,441.48
Total for health insurance related (0% local subcontracting, highlighted in Blue)						299,411,000.00
Total for Construction and IT related (assuming 30% of subcontracting)						180,008,441.48

3. Please provide a total percent of subcontracts awarded to local businesses for FY 14 on these high value contracts and a total percent of contracts awarded to local businesses as either a prime or subcontractor.

We currently do not track local subcontractors. Data is currently available on local prime contractors; see item 2 for FY14 data.

4. Please provide the same statistics for FY15.

Data is currently available for local prime contractors, see item 1.

5. What is the explanation for requiring 10% of each contract to be subcontracted to local businesses as opposed to 5% or 20%?

Many subcontracting programs (Minority, Small or Local subcontracting programs) throughout the country use 10% as a starting point. Since no study has been done in Montgomery County on local subcontracting disparities, the County selected the 10% based common practice.

A survey was done on major construction projects for FY12 and FY13. It shows 28%-29% local spending (see below):

	Total Procurement	Local Prime+Sub	% local
FY 12	\$762,811,116	\$220,034,639	29%
FY 13	\$845,361,770	\$233,701,295	28%

Although construction projects count for the majority of the contracts over \$10 million and usually provide great opportunities for local subcontracting, there are other categories such as "county employee health insurance", "prescription plan" and "dental benefits" which generally have close to 0% subcontracting for local businesses; see **Blue** highlights under item 2. These contracts (that have close to 0% local subcontracting opportunities) count for \$299M, or 62% of

the total contract amount in FY14. The rest of the contracts are construction and IT related, count for \$180M. Assuming construction and IT contracts provide 30% of local subcontracting (\$54M available for local subcontracting), for overall contracting amount it is 11%. (\$54,000M/\$479,000M)

6. What is the percent of local businesses compared to the total number of businesses in each industry we award these high value contracts? Do you have any evidence of underutilization of local businesses in these contracts based upon their availability in the marketplace?

In FY14, 2 out of 14 contracts over \$10mm were awarded to local businesses. This represents 14% of the contracts awarded.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Best Regards,

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Preference:

Preference is any advantage given to offerors in a competition for contract award which may be granted based on pre-established criteria. These criteria are established by Law.

Law is mandatory; is defined by Statute, Rule, Statewide Policy, Executive Order; and is what gives you Preference Authority. Use of the preference may be identified as either Mandatory or Discretionary.

Reciprocal Preference:

An advantage a state applies in order to match a preference given by another state.

For Example: A preference based on residency.

State	Preference Law/Statute	Tie-Bid Preference	Reciprocal Preference	Preference Conditions Including Law Citation	Date of Verification	
Alabama (AL)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2015
Alaska (AK)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	December	2014
Arizona (AZ)	No	No	Yes	Details	January	2015
Arkansas (AR)	No	No	Yes	Details	December	2014
California (CA)	No	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2015
Colorado (CO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	February	2013
Connecticut (CT)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2014
Delaware (DE)	No	No	Yes	Details	February	2013
Florida (FL)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2014
Georgia (GA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Hawaii (HA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	October	2011
Idaho (ID)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2013
Illinois (IL)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	March	2014
Indiana (IN)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	December	2014
Iowa (IA)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	February	2013
Kansas (KS)	No	Yes	None	Details	February	2013
Kentucky (KY)	No	Yes	Yes	Details	August	2014
Louisiana (LA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	February	2013
Maine (ME)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Maryland (MD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2014
Massachusetts (MA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2001
Michigan (MI)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	October	2011
Minnesota (MN)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	July	2014
Mississippi (MS)	Yes	Yes	None	Details	January	2013
Missouri (MO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2014
Montana (MT)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	February	2013
Nebraska (NE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2015

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Nevada (NV)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2015
New Hampshire (NH)	No	Yes	None	N/A	February	2013
New Jersey (NJ)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	December	2014
New Mexico (NM)	No	Yes	Yes	Details	February	2013
New York (NY)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
North Carolina (NC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2014
North Dakota (ND)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Ohio (OH)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	December	2012
Oklahoma (OK)	Yes	No	None	Details	December	2012
Oregon (OR)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Pennsylvania (PA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2015
Rhode Island (RI)	No	No	None	None	March	2009
South Carolina (SC)	No	Yes	Yes	Details	May	2002
South Dakota (SD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Tennessee (TN)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Texas (TX)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2012
Utah (UT)	No	Yes	Yes	Details	December	2014
Vermont (VT)	No	Yes	None	Details	February	2013
Virginia (VA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Details	January	2013
Washington (WA)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	January	2015
Washington DC (District of Columbia)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	December	2012
West Virginia (WV)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	December	2014
Wisconsin (WI)	Yes	No	Yes	Details	February	2013
Wyoming (WY)	No	Yes	Yes	Details	May	2009

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June 3, 2015

The Honorable George Leventhal
Council President
Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor
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Dear Council President Leventhal:

On behalf of the recently appointed Montgomery County Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force, we take the following position as it relates to Bill 61-14. The proposed legislation seeks to establish a Local Business Subcontracting Program requiring 10% of high value contracts pegged at greater than \$10 million to be subcontracted to local businesses.

Position

1. It is our understanding that the preparation and introduction of Montgomery County Council Bills occur as a result of identified and substantiated problem areas. Bill 61-14 appears not to be based on a rigorous analysis of relevant historical contract data to warrant legislation of this magnitude. While occasional anecdotal evidence is available, it does not rise to the level sufficient to enact legislation at this time.
2. It is further our position that Bill 61-14 detracts from the County's Local and Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) by creating additional workload for the Office of Procurement. Increased workload would take the form of local business certification and tracking. Additionally, time and attention to the LSBRP would lessen as a result.

Thank you for giving the Task Force an opportunity to express our views.

Herman Taylor
Chair, Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force

Cc: Councilmember Nancy Navarro, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

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