

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
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ITEM 14, FILE # 061257
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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE H – File # 061429: A substitute ordinance relating to procurement of various items.

Discussion of Proposed Substitute H

Following is a summary of the requirements contained in File 061257:

1. **Apparel Requirement:** The requirements for apparel contracts will not change with passage of this ordinance. This portion of the ordinance is often referred to as the “Clean Clothes Ordinance” and it was originally passed in 2003. It requires that contracts for apparel purchases greater than the amount of \$5,000 be awarded to “responsible manufacturers,” as defined by the ordinance.
2. **Non-apparel Requirement:** Like other versions of this proposed substitute, this ordinance applies to non-apparel items, materials, supplies and equipment in excess of \$30,000 that are bid by the city of Milwaukee. Attached is a spreadsheet of 2006 applicable purchases. Like other versions, it requires contractors to be “responsible manufacturers,” as defined by the ordinance. It applies only to contractors, not subcontractors.
3. **Non-apparel Bidder Requirement:** This version requires that no contracts for purchases of non-apparel items be entered into unless the bidder affirms on the bid that he or she is familiar with the requirements of this subsection and affirms that he or she will comply with the requirements contained in this subsection. The bid shall state failure to comply may result in bid rejection. DOA-Procurement Services will handle how this requirement is implemented and carried out administratively.
4. **Non-apparel Bidder/Contractor Requirement:** This version also requires that the lowest responsible bidder submit to the purchasing director sworn reports or affidavits which include a statement by the contractors that the contractor’s facilities identified pursuant to this subsection are responsible manufacturers.
5. **Sanctions and Penalties:** This ordinance makes the sanctions and penalty provisions applicable to both apparel and non-apparel. These provisions are contained in earlier versions of the file.
6. **Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal note states no fiscal impact (note is attached).