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Resolution relating to directing the Department of Public Works to solicit proposals for operating the cafeteria in the City Hall complex.
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This resolution directs the Department of Public Works to solicit proposals for a contractor to operate the cafeteria in the City Hall complex. The request for proposals (RFP) shall request alternative bids for operating the cafeteria with existing equipment and with an exhaust system and grill.

Whereas, The cafeteria in the City Hall complex has traditionally provided convenient meals and snacks for public employes whose duties require them to shorten their lunch breaks or eat at their desks, as well as when inclement weather makes it difficult for workers to leave the complex and purchase lunch within the allotted time for lunch; and

Whereas, The cafeteria also provides an important public service by offering convenient food service to private citizens who are in the City Hall complex to pay their taxes, go to public meetings or attend other events of public interest and concern; and

Whereas, Although there are other excellent eating establishments in the downtown area, they are not always able to meet the time and cost restrictions of public employes and private citizens who need to purchase meals; and

Whereas, The cafeteria in the City Hall complex is currently without an operator, and it may be difficult to secure and retain a good cafeteria contractor because of the inadequacy of the existing kitchen facilities, which do not have an exhaust system or grill; and

Whereas, This may be an appropriate time to renovate the cafeteria to add an exhaust system and grill, provided that such renovation is feasible and economically reasonable; and

Whereas, A request for proposals (RFP) will need to be prepared to find a new cafeteria operator, which makes this an appropriate time to consider options for alleviating the inadequacies of the cafeteria; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council directs the Department of Public Works to solicit bids for a contractor to operate the cafeteria in the City Hall complex, and to include all of the following in the request for proposals (RFP):

1. A request for alternative bids: one for operating the cafeteria with existing equipment and one for operating the cafeteria with an exhaust system and grill.
2. A statement that the City will assist the successful bidder in getting started by providing suitable financial assistance, such as a start-up loan from the revolving loan fund or other source, if such assistance is appropriate and if the contractor meets the qualifications for such assistance.

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