

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION #01-09-08

WHEREAS, Calumet Township finds that it is in its best interest to define the term "responsible" as contained in competitive bidding statutes governing its purchases of construction goods and services;

WHEREAS, Calumet Township wishes to ensure that contracts are awarded in an atmosphere that invites competition and guards against favoritism, improvidence, arbitrary conduct, extravagance, fraud and corruption, so as to secure the best work or supplies at the lowest cost practicable;

WHEREAS, Calumet Township possesses great discretion in determining the "lowest responsible bidder" and is entitled to specify the terms of the contract when it solicits bids and the criteria that bidders must meet in order to be considered a "responsible" bidder in the exercise of its proprietary duties and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the contracting authority of Calumet Township is entrusted with the power to determine whether a respective bidder is the "lowest responsible bidder"; and,

WHEREAS, Calumet Township solicits bids and/or proposals on many different types of construction contracts with varying factors affecting each purchasing decision, and therefore must take into account reasonable benefits to the community's welfare arising from each bid and in the exercise of its proprietary functions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT financial responsibility is an important factor in determining the lowest responsible bidder, and Calumet Township, through its contracting authority, shall require an entity that bids on a public contract to produce satisfactory evidence that the business entity is properly registered and authorized to conduct the type of work to be performed, including evidence that demonstrates that the entity possesses or complies with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Departments of Revenue and/or Registration, and Illinois Department of Employment Security registration requirements, as well as complying with the general business license requirements of Calumet Township prior to the award and during the term of the contract.

Additionally, the contracting authority, in order to make its determination as to whether the bidding entity is responsible, shall confirm and substantiate that the contract awardee can reasonably be expected to complete and perform under the contract specifications, and the contracting authority may require the successful bidder to post a bid, performance, wage/fringe benefit and/or material bonds(s). The contracting authority shall also determine if the successful bidder can reasonably be expected to complete the project within the time constraints as delineated in the request for bids and/or proposals. The contracting authority shall also determine if the bidding entity maintains a

satisfactory level of past performance and integrity as well as possesses the financial, supervisory, personnel, material, equipment, and other resources and expertise to satisfactorily meet its contractual responsibilities and obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT social responsibility is a concern in awarding public contracts, and the contracting authority may factor in its determination of whether a bidder is "responsible" such factors as bidder's record of conformity with environmental, labor, and health and safety laws including compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration. Furthermore, the bidder shall be required to provide a certificate of insurance, designating Calumet Township as an Additional Insured under all pertinent policies, specifying all required coverages, including general liability, workers' compensation, completed operations, automobile, hazardous occupation, and product liability at such limits as the contracting authority deems appropriate to protect the interests of Calumet Township.

ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the provision of satisfactory evidence by the bidding entity that it provides or participates in a medical hospitalization program for its employees, an apprenticeship and training program approved and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training, a pension or retirement benefit program for its employees, with the premium or cost or contribution rate, as well as benefit configuration for each of the respective aforementioned programs, being no less than required under the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, is minimally required to demonstrate that a bidding entity is "responsible".

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the following roll call vote this 9th day of January 2008.

AYES: Stan Brothers (Aye) Eric Brubaker (Aye) Paul Smith (Aye)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Robert R. Jones

APPROVED BY ME THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 2008,

Raymond M. Martino
Raymond M. Martino, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Anne V. Sosnowski
Anne V. Sosnowski, Clerk