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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 20, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 25, 1919 (P.L.581, No.274), entitled
2 "An act for the better government of cities of the first
3 class of this Commonwealth," restricting certain persons from
4 bidding on contracts.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Article XX of the act of June 25, 1919 (P.L.581,
8 No.274), referred to as the First Class City Government Law, is
9 amended by adding a section to read:

10 ARTICLE XX.

11 City Contracts.

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13 Section 7. (a) No person who or entity which, as a
14 contractor or subcontractor, supplied goods or services to a
15 government or government instrumentality and has been convicted
16 of, or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, a Federal or
17 State crime involving fraud upon a government or a government

1 instrumentality for acts or omissions arising out of the
2 supplying of goods or services, OR WHO HAS BEEN FOUND BY AN
3 APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY TO HAVE COMMITTED FRAUD IN THE
4 PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT WITH A GOVERNMENT OR A GOVERNMENT
5 INSTRUMENTALITY AND THAT FINDING HAS NOT BEEN REVERSED ON
6 APPEAL, and no entity in which that person or entity has a
7 substantial interest, may bid on a contract for a period of
8 three years after such conviction or plea. For purposes of this
9 subsection, the following words and phrases shall have the
10 following meanings:

11 (1) "Crime" means any criminal act committed after the
12 effective date of this amendatory act for which the maximum
13 possible penalty exceeds a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300)
14 or exceeds imprisonment for ninety days.

15 (2) "Entity" means any association, corporation, limited
16 partnership, partnership, or other business or nonprofit
17 organization.

18 (3) "Fraud" includes, but is not limited to:

19 I. A misrepresentation of a material fact that is not made
20 honestly and in good faith.

21 II. A promise, representation or prediction as to the future
22 that is not made honestly and in good faith.

23 III. An intentional failure to disclose a material fact.

24 IV. A fictitious or pretended purchase or sale of a
25 security.

26 V. The gaining, through the sale of a security, of an
27 underwriting or promotion fee or profit or a selling or managing
28 fee or profit that is so gross or exorbitant as to be
29 unconscionable, including a scheme, device or artifice to obtain
30 such a profit, fee or commission.

1 VI. A scheme, device or artifice to defraud a prospective or
2 actual customer, client or subscriber of securities, money or
3 property.

4 (4) "State" means the District of Columbia or any
5 possession, state, territory or trusteeship of the United
6 States.

7 (5) "Substantial interest" means serving as a director OF A ←
8 FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, limited partner, officer, partner, or
9 proprietor, or owning more than ten per centum of the number of
10 shares of voting stock or more than twenty per centum of the
11 total number of shares of stock.

12 (b) The county may require the following information to be
13 submitted with the bid: a sworn statement by the bidder and, if
14 the affiant is an entity, by every person or entity having a
15 substantial interest therein, listing all Federal and state
16 convictions of, and pleas of guilty or nolo contendere to, any
17 crime within three years prior to the date of the statement,
18 said statement to be dated no more than one week prior to the
19 date set for the opening of bids.

20 (c) In the case of a bid involving the collection,
21 transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of solid waste or
22 hazardous waste under the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97),
23 known as the "Solid Waste Management Act," the following shall
24 apply:

25 I. A bid may be rejected by the city council if the city
26 council has reason to believe that the bidder's responsibility,
27 character and general fitness for business do not command the
28 confidence of the public and may not be conducive to the honest
29 and efficient conduct of business in the best interest of the
30 public, or if the bidder's prior performance record in the

1 collection, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of
2 solid waste exhibited insufficient reliability, expertise or
3 competency to warrant the belief that the bidder would be likely
4 to exhibit sufficient reliability, expertise or competence with
5 respect to the contract being bid.

6 II. The city may require the following information to be
7 submitted with the bid: if the bidder has an equity interest in
8 a company which collects, transports, treats, stores or disposes
9 of solid waste or hazardous waste, the name and address of that
10 company; a description of the bidder's experience and
11 credentials in collection, transportation, treatment, storage or
12 disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste, including past or
13 present licenses; if the bidder is an entity, the names of the
14 officers and directors or partners; a list and explanation of
15 Federal, State and local notices of violation, prosecutions,
16 administrative orders and license revocations, for the ten years
17 immediately preceding the bid submission, if the action is
18 pending or has resulted in a finding or a settlement of a
19 violation of law by the bidder or its employes, and, in the case
20 of an entity, by an officer or director or a partner, relating
21 to the collection, transportation, treatment, storage or
22 disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste; a list and
23 explanation of judgments of civil liability and convictions
24 against the bidder or its employes and, in the case of an
25 entity, against an officer or director or a partner; a list of
26 agencies outside of this Commonwealth which had regulatory
27 authority over the bidder in connection with the collection,
28 transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of solid waste or
29 hazardous waste; other information that the city council deems
30 relevant to the competency, reliability or good character of the

1 bidder.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.