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AND McILHINNEY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 20, 1968 (P.L.1075, No.329),
2 entitled "An act providing for the growth and development of
3 noncommercial educational television; creating the
4 Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission as an
5 independent commission and defining its powers and duties,"
6 further providing for contracts.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of November 20, 1968
10 (P.L.1075, No.329), referred to as the Public Television Network
11 System Law, amended December 22, 1981 (P.L.545, No.158), is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 4. Contracts.--(a) All contracts or purchases made
14 by the commission involving the expenditure of over [four
15 thousand dollars (\$4,000),] twenty-five thousand dollars
16 (\$25,000), subject to annual adjustment under subsection (b),
17 except those involving personal services or items that can only
18 be obtained from one source, shall be in writing, awarded on the

1 basis of competitive bidding and shall be made only after notice
2 of the proposed contract or purchase is published in at least
3 twelve newspapers, as the commission shall determine will be
4 sufficient to ensure distribution of the notice throughout the
5 Commonwealth, at least twenty days before the letting of the
6 contract or purchase.

7 Every contract for the construction, reconstruction,
8 alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works
9 shall comply with the provisions of the act of March 3, 1978
10 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the "Steel Products Procurement Act."

11 (b) (1) Annually, beginning with the year in which this
12 subsection becomes applicable to contracts and purchases, the
13 Department of Labor and Industry shall calculate the percentage
14 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-
15 U) for the United States city average for all items as published
16 by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
17 Statistics, for the twelve-month average ending in September of
18 the prior year.

19 (2) The amount at which competitive bidding is required
20 under subsection (a) shall be adjusted annually. The positive
21 percentage change, as determined in accordance with clause (1),
22 shall be multiplied by the amount applicable under subsection
23 (a) for the current year and the product thereof shall be added
24 to the amount applicable under subsection (a) for the current
25 year, with the result rounded to the nearest multiple of ten
26 dollars (\$10).

27 (3) The annual determination required under clause (1) and
28 the calculation of the adjustments required under clause (2)
29 shall be made in the period between October 1 and November 15 of
30 the year following the effective date of this subsection, and

1 annually between October 1 and November 15 of each successive
2 year.

3 (4) The adjusted amounts obtained in accordance with clause
4 (2) shall become effective January 1 for the calendar year
5 following the year in which the determination required under
6 clause (1) is made.

7 (5) The Department of Labor and Industry shall give notice
8 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to January 1 of each calendar
9 year of the annual percentage change determined in accordance
10 with clause (1) and the amounts, whether adjusted or unadjusted
11 in accordance with clause (2), at which competitive bidding is
12 required under subsection (a) for the calendar year beginning
13 the first day of January after publication of the notice.

14 Section 2. This act shall apply to contracts and purchases
15 advertised on or after January 1 of the year following the
16 effective date of this section.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.