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AN ACT to amend the labor law, the general municipal law, the state finance law and the education law, in relation to advertisements for bids

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 220 of the labor  
2     law, as separately amended by chapter 678 of the laws of 2007 and  
3     section 2 of chapter 7 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as  
4     follows:  
5     (c) It shall be the duty of the fiscal officer, as defined in this  
6     section, to ascertain and determine the schedules of supplements to be  
7     provided and wages to be paid workers, laborers and mechanics on such  
8     public work, prior to the time of the advertisement for bids, and such  
9     schedules shall be annexed to and form a part of the specifications for  
10    the work. Such fiscal officer shall file with the department having  
11    jurisdiction such schedules prior to the time of the commencement of the  
12    advertisement for bids on all public works proposed to be constructed.  
13    IF THE FISCAL OFFICER CANNOT ASCERTAIN OR DETERMINE SUCH SCHEDULES OR  
14    WAGES, OR DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF WORKERS ON SUCH  
15    PUBLIC WORK, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE FISCAL OFFICER TO REJECT ANY  
16    CONTRACT ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS. The term "contract"  
17    as used in this article also shall include reconstruction and repair of  
18    any such public work, and any public work performed under a lease,  
19    permit or other agreement pursuant to which the department of jurisdic-  
20    tion grants the responsibility of contracting for such public work to  
21    any third party proposing to perform such work to which the provisions  
22    of this article would apply had the department of jurisdiction

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 contracted directly for its performance, or where there is no lease,  
2 permit or other agreement and ownership of a public work is intended to  
3 be assumed by such public entity at any time subsequent to completion of  
4 the public work.

5 S 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 220 of the labor law,  
6 as amended by section 2 of chapter 7 of the laws of 2008, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (c) It shall be the duty of the fiscal officer, as defined in this  
9 section, to ascertain and determine the schedules of supplements to be  
10 provided and wages to be paid workmen, laborers and mechanics on such  
11 public work, prior to the time of the advertisement for bids, and such  
12 schedules shall be annexed to and form a part of the specifications for  
13 the work. Such fiscal officer shall file with the department having  
14 jurisdiction such schedules to the time of the commencement of the  
15 advertisement for bids on all public works proposed to be constructed.  
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18 PUBLIC WORK, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE FISCAL OFFICER TO REJECT ANY  
19 CONTRACT ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS. The term "contract"  
20 as used in this subdivision also shall include reconstruction and repair  
21 of any such public work.

22 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 103 of the general municipal law, as  
23 amended by section 1 of part FF of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 1. Except as otherwise expressly provided by an act of the legislature  
26 or by a local law adopted prior to September first, nineteen hundred  
27 fifty-three, all contracts for public work involving an expenditure of  
28 more than thirty-five thousand dollars and all purchase contracts  
29 involving an expenditure of more than twenty thousand dollars, shall be  
30 awarded by the appropriate officer, board or agency of a political  
31 subdivision or of any district therein including but not limited to a  
32 soil conservation district, to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing  
33 the required security after advertisement for sealed bids in the manner  
34 provided by this section. In any case where a responsible bidder's gross  
35 price is reducible by an allowance for the value of used machinery,  
36 equipment, apparatus or tools to be traded in by a political subdivi-  
37 sion, the gross price shall be reduced by the amount of such allowance,  
38 for the purpose of determining the low bid. In cases where two or more  
39 responsible bidders furnishing the required security submit identical  
40 bids as to price, such officer, board or agency may award the contract  
41 to any of such bidders. Such officer, board or agency may, in his or her  
42 or its discretion, reject all bids and readvertise for new bids in the  
43 manner provided by this section. ALL SUBMITTED BIDS FOR SUCH PUBLIC WORK  
44 CONTRACTS MUST BE FOR A FIXED DOLLAR AMOUNT. In determining whether a  
45 purchase is an expenditure within the discretionary threshold amounts  
46 established by this subdivision, the officer, board or agency of a poli-  
47 tical subdivision or of any district therein shall consider the reason-  
48 ably expected aggregate amount of all purchases of the same commodities,  
49 services or technology to be made within the twelve-month period  
50 commencing on the date of purchase. Purchases of commodities, services  
51 or technology shall not be artificially divided for the purpose of  
52 satisfying the discretionary buying thresholds established by this  
53 subdivision. A change to or a renewal of a discretionary purchase shall  
54 not be permitted if the change or renewal would bring the reasonably  
55 expected aggregate amount of all purchases of the same commodities,  
56 services or technology from the same provider within the twelve-month

1 period commencing on the date of the first purchase to an amount greater  
2 than the discretionary buying threshold amount. For purposes of this  
3 section, "sealed bids", as that term applies to purchase contracts,  
4 shall include bids submitted in an electronic format including  
5 submission of the statement of non-collusion required by section one  
6 hundred three-d of this article, provided that the governing board of  
7 the political subdivision or district, by resolution, has authorized the  
8 receipt of bids in such format. Submission in electronic format may,  
9 for technology contracts only, be required as the sole method for the  
10 submission of bids. Bids submitted in an electronic format shall be  
11 transmitted by bidders to the receiving device designated by the poli-  
12 tical subdivision or district. Any method used to receive electronic  
13 bids shall comply with article three of the state technology law, and  
14 any rules and regulations promulgated and guidelines developed there-  
15 under and, at a minimum, must (a) document the time and date of receipt  
16 of each bid received electronically; (b) authenticate the identity of  
17 the sender; (c) ensure the security of the information transmitted; and  
18 (d) ensure the confidentiality of the bid until the time and date estab-  
19 lished for the opening of bids. The timely submission of an electronic  
20 bid in compliance with instructions provided for such submission in the  
21 advertisement for bids and/or the specifications shall be the responsi-  
22 bility solely of each bidder or prospective bidder. No political subdi-  
23 vision or district therein shall incur any liability from delays of or  
24 interruptions in the receiving device designated for the submission and  
25 receipt of electronic bids.

26 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 103 of the general municipal law, as  
27 amended by section 2 of part FF of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 1. Except as otherwise expressly provided by an act of the legislature  
30 or by a local law adopted prior to September first, nineteen hundred  
31 fifty-three, all contracts for public work involving an expenditure of  
32 more than thirty-five thousand dollars and all purchase contracts  
33 involving an expenditure of more than twenty thousand dollars, shall be  
34 awarded by the appropriate officer, board or agency of a political  
35 subdivision or of any district therein including but not limited to a  
36 soil conservation district, to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing  
37 the required security after advertisement for sealed bids in the manner  
38 provided by this section. ALL SUBMITTED BIDS FOR SUCH PUBLIC WORK  
39 CONTRACTS MUST BE FOR A FIXED DOLLAR AMOUNT. In determining whether a  
40 purchase is an expenditure within the discretionary threshold amounts  
41 established by this subdivision, the officer, board or agency of a poli-  
42 tical subdivision or of any district therein shall consider the reason-  
43 ably expected aggregate amount of all purchases of the same commodities,  
44 services or technology to be made within the twelve-month period  
45 commencing on the date of purchase. Purchases of commodities, services  
46 or technology shall not be artificially divided for the purpose of  
47 satisfying the discretionary buying thresholds established by this  
48 subdivision. A change to or a renewal of a discretionary purchase shall  
49 not be permitted if the change or renewal would bring the reasonably  
50 expected aggregate amount of all purchases of the same commodities,  
51 services or technology from the same provider within the twelve-month  
52 period commencing on the date of the first purchase to an amount greater  
53 than the discretionary buying threshold amount. In any case where a  
54 responsible bidder's gross price is reducible by an allowance for the  
55 value of used machinery, equipment, apparatus or tools to be traded in  
56 by a political subdivision, the gross price shall be reduced by the

1 amount of such allowance, for the purpose of determining the low bid. In  
2 cases where two or more responsible bidders furnishing the required  
3 security submit identical bids as to price, such officer, board or agen-  
4 cy may award the contract to any of such bidders. Such officer, board or  
5 agency may, in his, her or its discretion, reject all bids and readver-  
6 tise for new bids in the manner provided by this section.

7 S 5. Subdivision 2 of section 103 of the general municipal law, as  
8 amended by section 5 of part X of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 2. Advertisement for bids shall be published in the official newspaper  
11 or newspapers, if any, or otherwise in a newspaper or newspapers desig-  
12 nated for such purpose. Such advertisement shall contain a statement of  
13 the time when and place where all bids received pursuant to such notice  
14 will be publicly opened and read, and the designation of the receiving  
15 device if the political subdivision or district has authorized the  
16 receipt of bids in an electronic format. SUCH ADVERTISEMENT SHALL  
17 DESCRIBE SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF WORK  
18 TO BE PERFORMED, AND ENABLE THE BIDDER TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (C) OF  
19 SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY OF THE LABOR LAW. Such  
20 board or agency may by resolution designate any officer or employee to  
21 open the bids at the time and place specified in the notice. Such desig-  
22 nee shall make a record of such bids in such form and detail as the  
23 board or agency shall prescribe and present the same at the next regular  
24 or special meeting of such board or agency. All bids received shall be  
25 publicly opened and read at the time and place so specified. At least  
26 five days shall elapse between the first publication of such advertise-  
27 ment and the date so specified for the opening and reading of bids.

28 S 6. Subdivision 2 of section 103 of the general municipal law, as  
29 amended by chapter 296 of the laws of 1958, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 2. Advertisement for bids shall be published in the official newspaper  
32 or newspapers, if any, or otherwise in a newspaper or newspapers desig-  
33 nated for such purpose. Such advertisement shall contain a statement of  
34 the time when and place where all bids received pursuant to such notice  
35 will be publicly opened and read. SUCH ADVERTISEMENT SHALL DESCRIBE  
36 SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE  
37 PERFORMED, AND ENABLE THE BIDDER TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDI-  
38 VISION THREE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY OF THE LABOR LAW. Such board  
39 or agency may by resolution designate any officer or employee to open  
40 the bids at the time and place specified in the notice. Such designee  
41 shall make a record of such bids in such form and detail as the board or  
42 agency shall prescribe and present the same at the next regular or  
43 special meeting of such board or agency. All bids received shall be  
44 publicly opened and read at the time and place so specified. At least  
45 five days shall elapse between the first publication of such advertise-  
46 ment and the date so specified for the opening and reading of bids.

47 S 7. The first undesignated paragraph of section 135 of the state  
48 finance law, as amended by section 3 of part MM of chapter 57 of the  
49 laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

50 Such specifications must be so drawn as to permit separate and inde-  
51 pendent bidding upon each of the above three subdivisions of work. All  
52 contracts hereafter awarded by the state or a department, board, commis-  
53 sioner or officer thereof, for the erection, construction or alteration  
54 of buildings, or any part thereof, shall award the three subdivisions of  
55 the above specified work separately to responsible and reliable persons,  
56 firms or corporations engaged in these classes of work. A contract for

one or more buildings in any project shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for all the buildings included in the specifications. ALL SUCH SPECIFICATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL DESCRIBE SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED, AND ENABLE THE BIDDER TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY OF THE LABOR LAW. EACH BIDDER FOR ANY PROJECT UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL SUBMIT BIDS FOR A FIXED DOLLAR AMOUNT.

S 8. Subdivision 2 of section 161 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new paragraph o to read as follows:

O. CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER ON THE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS WHICH MUST COMPLY WITH ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE LABOR LAW.

S 9. Paragraph a of subdivision 6 of section 2590-p of the education law, as added by chapter 738 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

a. For each project included in an approved five-year educational facilities capital plan, the chancellor shall develop a detailed scope of the project, which shall include the following: (i) the purposes and public to be served, (ii) the programs to be conducted in the facility, (iii) the gross amounts of space and bulk for any building or structure, (iv) identification of the intent to use architectural, engineering or other consultant services and estimated fees for such consultant services, (v) the schedule of design and construction, (vi) the total estimated project costs, including costs for site acquisition, preparation and tenant relocation, design, construction and equipment, (vii) maximum estimated expenditures for the project for each fiscal year until its completion, (viii) costs associated with maintenance and operation of the physical plant and (ix) such other information as the chancellor shall specify. In the event, a project consists of a program element without identification of the particular education facility at which such project is to be performed, the detailed scope of the project shall specify the nature of the work to be performed, applicable price and quality standards, a list of the schools eligible for such work, annual performance targets and the total estimated costs of such project during each fiscal year until its completion. ALL SUCH ESTIMATED COSTS AND PRICES SHALL BE FOR A FIXED DOLLAR AMOUNT.

S 10. Paragraph d of subdivision 6 of section 2590-p of the education law, as amended by chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

d. For projects to be funded pursuant to subdivision four of this section, the chancellor shall transmit the detailed scope of each such project to the director of management and budget of the city for approval.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, no expenses shall be incurred by the city board or the authority for any such project prior to approval of the detailed scope of any such project. SUCH DETAILED SCOPE OF THE PROJECT SHALL DESCRIBE SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED.

(ii) No detailed scope of project shall be approved unless the total estimated costs of such project, together with the aggregate estimated costs of all projects for which a detailed scope has theretofore been approved, are within city capital budget appropriations available therefor. A detailed scope of project that is not disapproved by the director of management and budget within thirty days of its submission shall be

1 deemed approved. To the extent the director disapproves all or part of a  
2 scope, he or she shall set forth in writing the reasons therefor.

3 (iii) Upon approval of the detailed scope of project, the chancellor  
4 shall refer such project to the New York city school construction  
5 authority for implementation in accordance with an agreement between the  
6 authority and the city board and shall transmit the approved project  
7 scope to the comptroller, whereupon the total estimated costs of such  
8 project as set forth in such approved project scope shall be available  
9 for expenditure. ALL SUCH ESTIMATED COSTS SHALL BE FOR A FIXED DOLLAR  
10 AMOUNT.

11 (iv) Approval of the director of management and budget shall be  
12 required for any material change in the approved detailed scope of  
13 project or for any increase in the total cost of such project in excess  
14 of any reserve provided in the approved detailed scope of project. Such  
15 approval shall be given or deemed given in the manner provided herein.

16 (v) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to emergency  
17 projects undertaken pursuant to paragraph h of subdivision two of this  
18 section, the estimated costs of which, together with the costs of other  
19 projects undertaken pursuant to said paragraph h, does not exceed the  
20 amount set forth in the educational facilities capital plan for activ-  
21 ities pursuant to paragraph h of subdivision two of this section.

22 S 11. Paragraph d of subdivision 6 of section 2590-p of the education  
23 law, as added by chapter 738 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 d. For projects to be funded pursuant to subdivision four of this  
26 section, the chancellor shall transmit the detailed scope of each such  
27 project to the director of management and budget of the city for  
28 approval.

29 (i) Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, no expenses  
30 shall be incurred by the city board or the authority for any such  
31 project prior to approval of the detailed scope of any such project.  
32 SUCH DETAILED SCOPE OF THE PROJECT SHALL DESCRIBE SPECIFICALLY THE  
33 NATURE OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED.

34 (ii) No detailed scope of project shall be approved unless the total  
35 estimated costs of such project, together with the aggregate estimated  
36 costs of all projects for which a detailed scope has theretofore been  
37 approved, are within city capital budget appropriations available there-  
38 for. A detailed scope of project that is not disapproved by the director  
39 of management and budget within thirty days of its submission shall be  
40 deemed approved. To the extent the director disapproves all or part of a  
41 scope, he shall set forth in writing the reasons therefor.

42 (iii) Upon approval of the detailed scope of project, the chancellor  
43 shall refer such project to the New York city school construction  
44 authority for implementation in accordance with an agreement between the  
45 authority and the city board and shall transmit the approved project  
46 scope to the comptroller whereupon the total estimated costs of such  
47 project as set forth in such approved project scope shall be available  
48 for expenditure. ALL SUCH ESTIMATED COSTS SHALL BE FOR A FIXED DOLLAR  
49 AMOUNT.

50 (iv) Approval of the director of management and budget shall be  
51 required for any material change in the approved detailed scope of  
52 project or for any increase in the total cost of such project in excess  
53 of any reserve provided in the approved detailed scope of project. Such  
54 approval shall be given or deemed given in the manner provided herein.

55 (v) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to emergency  
56 projects undertaken pursuant to paragraph h of subdivision two of this

1 section, the estimated costs of which, together with the costs of other  
2 projects undertaken pursuant to said paragraph h, does not exceed the  
3 amount set forth in the educational facilities capital plan for activ-  
4 ities pursuant to paragraph h of subdivision two of this section.

5 S 12. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
6 have become a law; provided, however, that:

7 (a) the amendments to paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 220 of  
8 the labor law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the  
9 expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 5 of  
10 chapter 678 of the laws of 2007, as amended, when upon such date the  
11 provisions of section two of this act shall take effect;

12 (b) the amendments to subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 103 of the  
13 general municipal law made by sections three and five of this act shall  
14 be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivisions pursuant  
15 to subdivision (a) of section 41 of part X of chapter 62 of the laws of  
16 2003, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of sections four  
17 and six of this act, respectively, shall take effect; and

18 (c) the amendments to paragraph d of subdivision 6 of section 2590-p  
19 of the education law made by section ten of this act shall be subject to  
20 the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 34 of  
21 chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, as amended, when upon such date the  
22 provisions of section eleven of this act shall take effect.