

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE, RODRIGUEZ, WALKER, BLAKE -- read once  
and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, and the New York city charter,  
in relation to opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises  
and emerging business enterprises

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 103 of  
2 the general municipal law, as amended by section 1 of chapter 2 of the  
3 laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

4 Except as otherwise expressly provided by an act of the legislature or  
5 by a local law adopted prior to September first, nineteen hundred  
6 fifty-three, all contracts for public work involving an expenditure of  
7 more than thirty-five thousand dollars and all purchase contracts  
8 involving an expenditure of more than twenty thousand dollars, shall be  
9 awarded by the appropriate officer, board or agency of a political  
10 subdivision or of any district therein including but not limited to a  
11 soil conservation district to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing  
12 the required security after advertisement for sealed bids in the manner  
13 provided by this section, provided, however, that purchase contracts  
14 (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase  
15 contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant  
16 to article eight of the labor law) may be awarded on the basis of  
17 best value, as defined in section one hundred sixty-three of the state  
18 finance law; provided, however, a city with a population of one million  
19 inhabitants or more may also identify a quantitative factor to be used  
20 in evaluation of bids or offers for awarding contracts for bidders or  
21 offerers that are minority- or women-owned business enterprises certified  
22 pursuant to local law, to a responsive and responsible bidder or  
23 offerer in the manner provided by this section except that in a political  
24 subdivision other than a city with a population of one million  
25 inhabitants or more or any district, board or agency with jurisdiction  
26 exclusively therein the use of best value for awarding a purchase  
27 contract or purchase contracts must be authorized by local law or, in

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

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1 the case of a district corporation, school district or board of cooper-  
2 ative educational services, by rule, regulation or resolution adopted at  
3 a public meeting. Provided, however, that a city having a population of  
4 one million inhabitants or more is authorized to award purchase  
5 contracts to businesses certified as minority- or women-owned business  
6 enterprises pursuant to local law in an amount not to exceed two hundred  
7 thousand dollars without a formal competitive process.

8 § 2. Section 103 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a  
9 new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

10 17. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a city with a  
11 population of one million inhabitants or more may establish a capacity  
12 building program to increase the capacity of businesses certified as  
13 minority- or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to local law to  
14 bid for and perform public contracts, to promote the meaningful partic-  
15 ipation of such firms on such contracts. Such program may provide  
16 reasonable procedures to secure the meaningful participation of such  
17 firms in the performance of public contracts.

18 § 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 15 of section 103 of the general  
19 municipal law, as added by section 1-a of part MM of chapter 57 of the  
20 laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a) Notwithstanding any general, special or local law or rule or regu-  
22 lation to the contrary, an officer, board or agency of any county, any  
23 school district or any political subdivision of the state with a popu-  
24 lation of fifty thousand or more charged with awarding a contract for  
25 public work, and an officer, board or agency in a city with a population  
26 of one million inhabitants or more charged with awarding a purchase  
27 contract, may establish guidelines governing the qualifications of  
28 bidders seeking to bid or enter into such contracts. If such officer,  
29 board or agency maintains an appropriate list of qualified bidders, the  
30 bidding shall be restricted to those who have qualified prior to the  
31 receipt of bids according to standards fixed by such officer, board or  
32 agency. In determining whether a prospective bidder qualifies for inclu-  
33 sion on a list of pre-qualified bidders, the officer, board or agency  
34 shall consider the experience and record of performance of the prospec-  
35 tive bidder in the particular type of work, as well as: (i) the prospec-  
36 tive bidder's ability to undertake the particular type and complexity of  
37 work; (ii) the financial capability, responsibility and reliability of  
38 the prospective bidder for such type and complexity of work; (iii) the  
39 record of the prospective bidder in complying with existing labor stand-  
40 ards and maintaining harmonious labor relations; (iv) the prospective  
41 bidder's compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements and  
42 anti-discrimination laws, and demonstrated commitment to working with  
43 minority and women-owned businesses through joint ventures or subcon-  
44 tractor relationships; and (v) the record of the prospective bidder in  
45 protecting the health and safety of workers on public works projects and  
46 job sites as demonstrated by the prospective bidder's experience modifi-  
47 cation rate for each of the last three years.

48 § 4. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new section  
49 314-a to read as follows:

50 § 314-a. Sheltered market. The procurement policy board may provide by  
51 rule that agencies may make procurements of goods, services,  
52 construction, or construction-related services for amounts not exceeding  
53 two hundred thousand dollars from minority- or women-owned business  
54 enterprises certified pursuant to section thirteen hundred four of this  
55 chapter without a formal competitive process.

1     § 5. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part  
2 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to  
3 be invalid and after exhaustion of all further judicial review, the  
4 judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof,  
5 but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, para-  
6 graph, section or part of this act directly involved in the controversy  
7 in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

8     § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any  
9 contract let or awarded on or after such date; provided, however that  
10 the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 103 of the general municipal  
11 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration and  
12 reversion of such subdivision as provided in subdivision (a) of section  
13 41 of part X of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, as amended and shall  
14 expire and be deemed repealed therewith.