

## CITY OF WASILLA

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## COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 90-60

FROM: Deputy Administrator

DATE: August 7, 1990

RE: Proposed Ordinance No. 90-27 Re: Bonds

The administration has routinely required 100% payment and performance bonds on all construction contracts for less than \$100,000 in order to protect the City's interest. We have been often requested to modify the 100% bond requirement to provide more opportunity to small contractors. The City does not have a code requirement regarding bonding and should establish a formal policy by ordinance.

Ordinance No. 90-27 does two things:

First, it establishes that construction contractors shall provide 100% bonding up to \$150,000 in contract amount. The state does not require bonding for less than \$100,000 contracts. For contracts between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 the state requires municipalities to obtain minimum bonding of 50% of the contract amount.

Second, the ordinance provides a means for the Mayor to waive all bonding requirements up to \$150,000 provided the contractor meets certain criteria.

As written, the ordinance is consistent with current Borough practices and will provide a means to reduce costs, allow more contractors to bid, and enable the administration to be flexible in bonding requirements.

Recommend introduction and adoption of Ordinance No. 90-27.

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Deputy Administrator

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72 C.J.S. Supplement, Public Contracts,

§§ 41-61; 81A C.J.S., States, §§ 172-193. Right of contractor with federal, state, or local public body to latter's immunity from tort liability. 9 ALR3d 382.

Sec. 36.25.010. Bonds of contractors for public buildings or works. (a) Except as provided in AS 44.33.300, before a contract exceeding \$100,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair of a public building or public work of the state or a political subdivision of the state is awarded to a general or specialty contractor, the contractor shall furnish to the state or a political subdivision of the state the following bonds, which become binding upon the award of the contract to that contractor:

- (1) a performance bond with a corporate surety qualified to do business in the state, or at least two individual sureties who shall each justify in a sum equal to the amount of the bond; the amount of the performance bond shall be equivalent to the amount of the payment bond;
- (2) a payment bond with a corporate surety qualified to do business in the state, or at least two individual sureties who shall each justify in a sum equal to the amount of the bond for the protection of all persons who supply labor and material in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract; when the total amount payable by the terms of the contract is not more than \$1,000,000, the payment bond shall be in a sum of one-half the total amount payable by the terms of the contract; when the total amount payable by the terms of the contract is more than \$1,000,000 and not more than \$5,000,000, the payment bond shall be in a sum of 40 percent of the total amount payable by the terms of the contract; when the total amount payable by the terms of the contract is more than \$5,000,000, the payment bond shall be in the sum of \$2,500,000.
- (b) This section does not limit the authority of a contracting officer to require a performance bond or other security in addition to those, or in cases other than the cases specified in (a) of this section.
- (c) When no payment bond has been furnished, the contracting department may not approve final payments to the contractor until the contractor files a written certification that all persons who supplied labor or material in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract have been paid. (§ 1 ch 49 SLA 1953; am § 1 ch 77 SLA 1964; am § 14 ch 142 SLA 1972; am §§ 1, 2 ch 180 SLA 1976; am § 8 ch 277 SLA 1976; am 34 ch 108 SLA 1982)

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contractor as within the coverage of principal contractor's bond for public improvements. 70 ALR 308; 111 ALR 311; 92 ALR2d 1250.

Right of person furnishing material or labor to maintain action on contractor's bond to owner of public body, or on owner's bond to mortgagee. 77 ALR 21; 118 ALR 57.

Right or duty of obligee of contractor's bond to enforce condition thereof for benefit of laborers and materialmen. 77 ALR 217

Claim under subcontract by which subcontractor agrees to furnish a man and truck, or other specified instrumentality, at an unapportioned compensation, as within contractor's bond conditioned for payment of claims for labor. 79 ALR 1253.

Material or labor employed in construction of concrete forms as basis of mechanics' lien or claim under contractors' bond. 84 ALR 460.

Claims for gasoline and oil as within contractor's bond. 91 ALR 1027.

Fuel furnished contractor or subcontractor as within coverage of bond to pay for all materials furnished. 96 ALR 553.

Existence and extent of lien or claim for labor and materials furnished to subcontractor, against money due principal contractor for public improvement. 112 ALR 815.

Liability of surety on subcontractor's bond to principal contractor for public improvement or to his surety, in respect of claims for labor or materials furnished to subcontractor. 117 ALR 662.

Construction and application of provisions of statute or public contractor's bond

as to time when action may be brought thereon by laborers or materialmen. 119 ALR 255.

Right of one who contracts with, or furnishes labor or material to, public contractor's surety after latter has taken over work, in respect of part of contract price retained by public agency. 122 ALR 511.

Value of services or material furnished by subcontractor, laborer, or materialman, or price fixed by the contract by which they were employed, as measure of their recovery on bond of principal contractor, or as against amount earned by contractor but withheld by contractee or paid into court. 123 ALR 416.

Labor and materials furnished to subcontractor as within coverage of bond of principal contractor under nonpublic building or construction contract. 128 ALR 938.

Owner's right to recover from contractor or surety on his bond amount paid or agreed to be paid by former to third person, in order to avoid mechanics' liens for labor or material furnished to contractor. 134 ALR 314.

False receipts or the like as estopping materialmen or laborers from recovering on public work bond. 39 ALR2d 1104.

Relative rights, as between surety on public work contractor's bond and unpaid laborers or materialmen, in percentage retained by obligee. 61 ALR2d 899.

Labor or material furnished subcontractor for public work or improvement as within coverage of bond of principal contractor. 92 ALR2d 1250.

Municipal property as subject to mechanic's lien. 51 ALR3d 657.

Sec. 36.25.025. Optional municipal exemption. A municipality, by ordinance adopted by its governing body, may exempt contractors from compliance with the provisions of AS 36.25.010(a) if the estimated cost of the project does not exceed \$400,000, and

- (1) the contractor is, and for two years immediately preceding the award of the contract has been, a licensed contractor having its principal office in the state;
- (2) the contractor certifies that it has not defaulted on a contract awarded to the contractor during the period of three years preceding the award of a contract for which a bid is submitted;
- (3) the contractor submits a financial statement, prepared within a period of nine months preceding the submission of a bid for the contract and certified by a public accountant or a certified public accountant licensed under AS 08.04, demonstrating that the contractor has a

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net worth of not less than 20 per cent of the amount of the contract for which a bid is submitted; and

(4) the total amount of all contracts that the contractor anticipates performing during the term of performance of the contract for which a bid is submitted does not exceed the net worth of the contractor reported in the certified financial statement prepared and submitted under (3) of this section by more than seven times. (§ 1 ch 81 SLA 1978)

Cross references. — For related provisions, see AS 29.10.200(18) and AS 29.25.010(a)(10).

Collateral references. - Right of municipal corporation to recover back from contractor payments made under contract violating competitive bidding statute. 33 ALR3d 397.

Liability of municipality on quasi contract for value of property or work furnished without compliance with bidding requirements. 33 ALR3d 1164.

Municipal property as subject to mechanic's lien. 51 ALR3d 657.

Effective 69, ch. 106

## Chapter 30. State Procurement Code.

## Article

- 1. Organization of State Procurement (§§ 36.30.005 36.30.080)
- Competitive Sealed Bidding (§§ 36.30.100 36.30.190)
- 3. Competitive Sealed Proposals (§§ 36.30.200 36.30.270)
- 4. Other Procurement Methods (§§ 36.30.300 36.30.320)
- 5. Preference for Alaska Products (§§ 36.30.322 36.30.338)
- 6. Contract Formation and Modification (§§ 36.30.340 36.30.480)
- 7. Procurement Records and Reports (§§ 36.30.500 36.30.540)
- 8. Legal and Contractual Remedies (§§ 36.30.560 36.30.699)
- 9. Intergovernmental Relations (§§ 36.30.700 36.30.790)
- 10. General Provisions (§§ 36.30.850 36.30.995)

Cross references. - For statement of legislative purpose in enacting this chapter, see § 1, ch. 106, SLA 1986, in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Effective date of chapter. - Section 69, ch. 106, SLA 1986, as amended by § 27, ch. 65, SLA 1987, provides that this chapter takes effect January 1, 1988.

Editor's notes. - Section 65, ch. 106, SLA 1986, as amended by § 83, ch. 14, SLA 1987 and § 25, ch. 65, SLA 1987, provides: "REPORT. By December 1, 1989, the commissioner of administration and the commissioner of transportation and public facilities shall report to the legislature concerning procurement by state agencies during fiscal year 1988. The report must include

(1) a summary of the information required under AS 36.30.510;

(2) recommendations for changes in AS 36.30 or other laws based on implementation of AS 36.30 during those 12 months;

(3) a description of any matters that involved litigation concerning AS 36.30 during those 12 months."

Collateral references. - Revocation, prior to execution of formal written contract, of vote or decision of public body awarding contract to bidder. 3 ALR3d

Liability of municipality on quasi contract for value of property or work furnished without compliance with bidding requirements. 33 ALR3d 1164.

Furnishing public official with meals, lodging, or travel, or receipt of such benefits, as bribery. 67 ALR3d 1231.

Duty of public authority to disclose to contractor information, allegedly in its possession, affecting cost or feasibility of project. 86 ALR3d 182.

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