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Subject: *Responsible Bidder Ordinance*

Dear Mr. Hosty:

The County of Will incorporated "Responsible Bidder" language into its Purchasing Ordinance on April 19, 2001 (Resolution #01-97) and continues to abide by these critical provisions. I am including a copy of that ordinance and the accompanying resolution for your information. A Responsible Bidder pursuant to the Will County Ordinance (see Purchasing Ordinance, Part B, Definitions) must comply with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance and retirement for those trades covered in the act; and participate in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

As the chief sponsor in the Senate of PA 93-0642, which tightened provisions of responsible bidder rules as they relate to construction contracts, I have come to appreciate the importance of this law. These provisions have created a level playing field for competing contractors in Will County. A contractor is now evaluated and succeeds due to its actual strengths and not because of low wages and benefits – while the training that is critical to the success of the contracting industry is guaranteed.

I have always supported these important laws because it's the right thing to do. The working men and women of Will County and the contracting community are better off because of these safeguards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you, your membership or local officials have any questions regarding Will County government.

Respectfully

Lawrence M. Walsh
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