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Mr. Pat Hosty
Chicago Area Labor-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust
999 McClintock Drive – Suite 302
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527

Dear Mr. Hosty:

The City of Ottawa passed an ordinance defining a "Responsible Bidder" on Feb 3, 1998. We have found it to help us achieve the quality our citizens expect and deserve in our development projects. Elected officials and municipal staff members have long believed that they have to award projects to the lowest bidder. We have found this ordinance an excellent tool to educate our community development group and the contractors. We have witnessed contractors who did not meet the standard of a "Responsible Bidder" but took the appropriate actions to come into compliance in order to be qualified for future projects. We have also promoted the adoption of similar ordinances in our surrounding communities where several have also adopted such ordinances. We applaud and support your efforts to expand the "Responsible Bidder" concept on a statewide basis.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Eschbach
Mayor

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