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Recently the 93<sup>rd</sup> Illinois General Assembly passed Public Act 93-0642 which amended the Illinois procurement code. It amended the statute to mandate that "Responsible Bidder" requirements be met prior to the award of a construction contract by the Illinois Capitol Development Board, State Toll Highway Authority and Department of Transportation. As President of the Illinois Small Pavers Association, I applauded the decision of our state lawmakers in passing this important piece of legislation.

Unfortunately it does not go far enough to address the concerns of the "small paving contractor". Our members typically bid on projects that are let by other governmental entities; Park Districts, School Districts, and Municipalities etc. Sadly these smaller units of government are not currently covered by "Responsible Bidding Legislation".

This is why, as the President of the Illinois Small Pavers Association, a growing organization representing the interests of over 70 "small" asphalt paving contractors in Illinois, I endorse the idea of "Responsible Bidder" resolutions for all units of Illinois government. "Responsible Bidder" resolutions help to ensure that all contractors bidding on public works projects are in compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois, providing health insurance and participating in apprenticeship and training programs for employees.

When a "Responsible Bidder" resolution has been passed, every contractor that submits a bid is secure in the knowledge that everyone else is playing by the same set of rules that they are.

As President of ISPA I feel that when the loopholes that allow for non-compliance are closed, the best and most qualified will be performing the work, and we can all feel good about that.

Sincerely,



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