



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PROCUREMENTS BY THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative in General Court assembled, and by the authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 30B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Somerville ("Somerville") may, for the procurement of a supply or service in the amount of \$20,000 or less, use sound business practices (as defined in M.G.L. c. 30B, § 2) so long as the business awarded the contract is a disadvantaged business, diverse business, or small and local business enterprise, as certified by the supplier diversity office, by the City of Boston ("Boston"), or by virtue of a certification process approved by Somerville. Only such certified businesses customarily providing the supply or service shall be eligible. Somerville shall meet the requirements of section 3 of chapter 30B for those instances where contracts result from a purchase of \$10,000 or more.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding chapter 30B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the procurement officer of Somerville may, for the procurement of a supply or service in an amount greater than \$20,000, but not more than the small procurement threshold as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Operational Services Division, seek written quotations through a procurement officer

from not fewer than three (3) disadvantaged businesses, diverse businesses or small and local business enterprises, as certified by the supplier diversity office, by Boston, or by virtue of a certification process approved by Somerville. Only such certified businesses customarily providing the supply or service shall be eligible. The procurement officer shall record: (i) the names and addresses of all persons from whom quotations were sought; (ii) the specifications used for the procurement; (iii) the names of the persons submitting quotations; and (iv) the date and amount of each quotation. The recorded information shall be retained in the file required pursuant to section 3 of said chapter 30B. The procurement officer shall award the contract to the eligible and responsible bidder offering the needed quality of supply or service at the lowest quotation. After awarding a contract under this section, Somerville shall publish notice of such award on Somerville's website or other appropriate notification platform.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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PETITION _____

CHIEF SPONSOR:

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts in General Court Assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of
the accompanying bill or resolve.

PETITIONERS: LEGISLATOR/CITIZEN	DISTRICT/FULL MAILING ADDRESS

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signatures.