

## **CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City of Boston is committed to using every available tool to increase equity in city contracting and do our part to decrease the wealth gap that exists between White and Black, Indigenous and people of color residents of our city;

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED*

That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

### **PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:**

#### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHAPTER 30B: UNIFORM PROCUREMENT ACT**

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

**SECTION 1: Method of Procurement.** In the City of Boston, notwithstanding sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of M.G.L. ch. 30B, any other section of ch. 30B, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Boston, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority may utilize the following:

(a) For the procurement of a supply or service in the amount of \$10,000 or greater, but not more than the Small Purchase threshold as defined by the Massachusetts Operational Services Division, a procurement officer may seek written quotations from not fewer than three disadvantaged businesses, diverse businesses, or small and local business enterprises, as certified by the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office or the City of Boston, customarily providing the

supply or service. The procurement officer shall record: (1) the names and addresses of all persons from whom quotations were sought, (2) the specifications used for the procurement, (3) the names of the persons submitting quotations and (4) the date and amount of each quotation. Such information shall be retained in the file required pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30B s. 3.

(b) 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.

**SECTION 2. Severance Clause.** 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 3: Effective Date.** This act shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Governor.

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