



**PLUMBING &
MECHANICAL
CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION**

**Thomas W. Dardis
Executive Director**

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Dear City Council/Village Board Member:

The Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association supports and encourages a comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance for all public works construction contracts issued by your taxing body.

This language ensures that contracts are awarded in an atmosphere that invites competition and guards against favoritism, fraud and corruption, so as to secure the best work or supplies at the lowest cost practicable. Many communities have been cheated out of revenue, and the integrity of public officials has been brought into question after awarding contracts to dishonorable contractors who deliver poor quality products over budget and behind schedule.

As you know, contractors who meet the responsible bidder standards ensure compliance with all laws prerequisite of doing business in Illinois, including compliance with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act and that employees have access to training as defined by the United States Department of Labor.

I urge you to consider adopting a Responsible Bidders Ordinance for the increased benefits that it brings the taxpayers you represent and the many public works projects they fund in their community.

Sincerely,



Rudolph H. Mahalik, Jr.
President