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ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
ARTHUR "AJ" WILHELMI
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January 17, 2006

Dear City Council Member / Village Board Member:

I am writing in support of a comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance for all public works construction contracts issued by your taxing body.

As you know, it is important to protect the well being of our local economies and workers within them. A comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance protects local economies through the employment of expertly trained, local tradesmen. Contractors who meet the responsible bidder standards ensure compliance with all laws prerequisite of doing business in Illinois and that employees have access to training as defined by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training for each of the trades of work contemplated under the awarded contract.

Additionally, better trained workers offer increased awareness of safety which largely decreases liability for the taxing body and ensures the highest quality product for the taxpayers.

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

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur Wilhelmi".

Arthur "A.J." Wilhelmi
State Senator – 43rd District

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