

**Milwaukee Public Library  
Residents Preference Program Provisions**

I. General

- A. In accordance with Chapter 309 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, residents preference hiring is required for construction contracting activities. The ordinance requires that 40% of WORKER HOURS worked on a construction contract be performed by UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED RESIDENTS of the City, except in special cases where the Library determines there is sufficient reason to impose lesser levels of participation. Further, the Library may increase the percentage of RESIDENT worker participation to more than 40% on specific contracts. For this contract, bidders are required to show that the minimum percent of WORKER HOURS, as listed in the acknowledgements section/page and/or the Official Notice document will be performed by UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED RESIDENTS of the City. Up to one-third of required worker hours may be achieved by documenting the use of UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED RESIDENTS on projects undertaken by the contractor where such compliance is not required or by hiring UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED RESIDENTS on a full-time permanent basis for non-construction job categories connected to the project. Such adjustments must be proposed in an affidavit on a form provided by the Library setting forth the facts upon which the request for adjustment is based.
- B. The contractor, prior to commencing work, shall submit an affidavit (Form I) for proof of residency for all employees utilized by the contractor and subcontractors to meet the Residents Preference Program requirements, stating that each employee is either UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED and is a RESIDENT of the City. The contractor shall prepare and submit accurate and timely resident utilization forms and reports to the Library. Time Reports shall be submitted within ten (10) days following completion of work, or every three months, whichever comes first. Failure to submit the required forms and reports to the Library may result in disqualification of future bids, delay of payments, or other appropriate sanctions. Final contract payments will not be made until the summary of hours worked on the back of the Prime Contractor's Affidavit of Compliance is completed and on file with the Library.
- C. During the performance of this contract the Library reserves the right to conduct compliance reviews. If the contractor is not in compliance with the specifications, the Library will notify the contractor in writing of the corrective action that will bring the contractor into compliance. If the contractor fails or refuses to take corrective action as directed, or if the contractor, prime or sub, submits any documents which contain any false, misleading, or fraudulent information, or if the contractor or subcontractor fail to comply with this ordinance, the Library may take one or more of the actions listed below.
1. Withhold payments on the contract.
  2. Terminate or cancel the contract, in whole or in part.
  3. Consider possible debarment of the contractor from bidding for a period of up to two years.
  4. Any other remedy available to the City at law or in equity.
- D. The penalty for any person, firm, or corporation knowingly engaging in fraud, misrepresentation, or in any attempt directly or indirectly, to evade the provisions of this ordinance by providing false, misleading, or fraudulent information shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 together with the costs of prosecution and, upon default of payment, shall be imprisoned in the county jail or house of correction not to exceed 90 days, or until the forfeiture costs are paid.

II. Definitions

- A. RESIDENT – A person who maintains his or her place of permanent abode in the City of Milwaukee. Domiciliary intent is required to establish that a person is maintaining his or her place of permanent abode in the City. Mere ownership of real property is not sufficient to establish domiciliary intent. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes, without limitations, the location where a person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license.
- B. UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED – a RESIDENT that has worked less than 1,200 hours in the preceding 12 months or has not worked in the preceding 30 days or, regardless of employment status, has household income at or below the federal poverty guidelines as adjusted by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to define eligibility for reduced lunch in public schools. A RESIDENT

will continue to qualify as unemployed or underemployed for five (5) years from the date he or she first participates in a contract under Chapter 309. If a RESIDENT becomes an apprentice for a contractor or becomes a participant in an on-the-job training program as determined by the City immediately after or in the course of performing on a particular construction contract, he or she shall continue to qualify as unemployed or underemployed for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date the person became an apprentice or participant in such on-the-job training program.

- C. WORKER HOURS – means the total hours worked on a construction contract by skilled and unskilled construction trade workers, whether those workers are employed by the contractor or any subcontractor. In determining the total worker hours to be furnished at a construction site, the number of hours devoted to all tasks customarily performed on a construction site shall be included, whether or not such tasks are performed on the construction site. “Worker hours” includes work performed by persons filling apprenticeships and participating in on-the-job training programs and excludes the number of hours of work performed by all non-Wisconsin residents.

### III. Residency Utilization Requirements

- A. The contractor shall utilize UNEMPLOYED or UNDEREMPLOYED RESIDENTS of the City in a minimum amount equal to the percentage of the WORKER HOURS as stated in paragraph IA above.
- B. The contractor, by signing and submitting a bid, certifies that it understands the provisions of Chapter 309 and knows of and intends to comply with them, and shall ensure that all subcontractors are also informed.
- C. The contractor shall maintain, and shall ensure that all subcontractors maintain, personnel records Listing the name, address, race and gender of all employees utilized for this contract and any records Demonstrating that the employees utilized by the contractor in meeting the residency requirements are actual residents of the City. These records shall be maintained for seven (7) years after the contractor has received final payment under the contract and shall be made available to the Library upon reasonable notice.
- D. Compliance with these residency requirements is an element of bid responsiveness. Failure to meet the specified residency requirements will render the bid unresponsive, and the Library may then recommend the award to the next apparent low bidder.
- E. The City recognizes the following organization which can be contacted for access to trained or qualified workers from the City. Other organizations or sources of qualified RESIDENTS can be used at the bidder’s discretion.

Big Step, located at 3841 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208. Telephone 414-342-9787, fax number 414-342-3546.

- F. If the prime contractor has problems in meeting the residency requirements or if any other problems relative to residency participation arise during the completion of this project, the prime contractor shall immediately contact the Library.