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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0069 – Transparency in Procurement		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Support with amendments

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0069, Transparency in Procurement, the purpose of which is to require certain contractors and subcontractors to submit detailed information about the contractor's capacity to fulfill the contract, prior experience with the City, and demographic information of their workforce and board.

Background

This legislation would require contractors who enter into service contracts valued at \$100,000 or more, as well as subcontractors, to submit detailed reports about their capacity to complete the contract, prior experience on City contracts from the prior five calendar years, and demographic information of their workforce and board. In addition, the demographic data must be submitted to the Director of Finance and the Labor Commissioner during the six months prior to the opening of a bid. Failure to submit the report may result in several penalties, including suspension of contract and withholding of funds. Finally, this legislation requires the Director of Finance to provide an annual report summarizing the disclosures received, to be made public on the Department's website and provided to certain organizations.

Fiscal Impact Analysis

The Department of Finance does not anticipate a cost for the City as a result of this legislation.

Other Considerations

The Department of Finance supports the intent of this legislation, but does not believe that the collection of this information aligns with the Department's mission and function. The report better aligns with the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office or the Mayor's Office of Employment Development instead of Finance. As such, Finance has spoken with the Office of the City Council President about offering an amendment to that effect, which is forthcoming.

Conclusion

The Department of Finance supports the intent of this legislation. However, Finance recommends an amendment to have the required report be collected by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office or the Mayor's Office of Employment Development.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 21-0069 with amendments.

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