[Administrative Code - Rescinding Sunset in San Francisco Bonding and Financial Assistance Program]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 14B.16, to rescind the sunset clause in the San Francisco Bonding and Financial Assistance Program, make technical amendments, and make environmental findings and findings of consistency with General Plan.

NOTE: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are strike through italics Times New Roman. Board amendment additions are double-underlined; Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 121211 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending Section 14B.16, to read as follows:

(A) San Francisco Bonding and Financial Assistance Program.

(1) Program Description. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the City Administrator, or, in his or her discretion, as delegated to the Director of Risk Management, a division of the Office of the City Administrator ("Risk Manager") Commission, intends to provide guarantees to private bonding companies and financial institutions in order to induce those entities to provide required bonding and financing to eligible contractors and subcontractors.
bidding on and performing City public works/construction contracts. This bonding and financial assistance program is subject to the provisions of this Section 14B.16(A).

(2) **Eligible Contracts.** The assistance described in this Section 14B.16(A) shall be available for any City public works/construction contract to which this Ordinance applies.

(3) **Eligible Businesses.** Businesses must meet the following criteria to qualify for assistance under this Section 14B.16(A).

   (a) The business may be either a prime contractor or subcontractor; and
   
   (b) The business must be certified by the Director-Contract Monitoring Division of the Office of the City Administrator ("CMD") as an LBE according to the requirements of Section 14B.3, 14B.5, or 14B.6;
   
   (c) The business may be required to participate in a "bonding assistance training program" as offered by the Risk Manager Commission, which is anticipated to provide the following:

     (i) Bond application assistance.
     
     (ii) Assistance in developing financial statements,
     
     (iii) Assistance in development of a pre-bond surety profile,
     
     (iv) Identification of internal financial control systems, and
     
     (v) Development of accurate financial reporting tools.

(4) **Agreements Executed by the Risk Manager Human Rights Commission.** The Risk Manager Director is hereby authorized to enter into the following agreements in order to implement the bonding and financial assistance program described in this Section 14B.16(A):

   (a) With respect to a surety bond, the agreement to guaranty up to 40 percent of the face amount of the bond or $750,000, whichever is less;
   
   (b) With respect to a construction loan to be made to a contractor or subcontractor, an agreement to guaranty up to 50 percent of the original principal amount of

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the construction loan or 50 percent of the actual loss suffered by the financial institution as a result of a loan default, whichever is less; provided that in any event the City's obligations with respect to a guaranty shall not exceed $750,000;

(c) Any other documents deemed necessary by the Risk Manager/Director to carry out the objectives of this program, provided that such documents shall be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.

(5) Monitoring and Enforcement. The Risk Manager/Director shall maintain records on the use and effectiveness of this program, including but not limited to (1) the identities of the businesses and bonding companies participating in this program, (2) the types and dollar amounts of public work contracts for which the program is utilized, and (3) the types and dollar amounts of losses which the City is required to fund under this program. The Risk Manager/Director shall submit written reports to the Board of Supervisors every six months beginning January 1, 2007, advising the Board of the status of this program and its funding capacity, and an analysis of whether this program is providing to be useful and needed.

(6) Contributions to the San Francisco Self-Insurance Surety Bond Fund. Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the San Francisco Charter, each department that conducts public works or improvements under Chapter 6 of the Administrative Code shall contribute annually to the San Francisco Self-Insurance Surety Bond Fund ("the Fund") an amount that is set by multiplying the annual contribution rate set pursuant to Section 10.100-371(c) times its total appropriations for capital construction and improvement.

(7) No later than May 1, 2009, the Director in consultation with the City's Risk Manager shall conduct a study of the City's maintenance and facility contracts for the purpose of recommending a process for the annual contribution rate that would enable the City to include such contracts in the City's Bonding and Financial Assistance Program. No later than June 1, 2009, the Director shall
transmit to the Board of Supervisors appropriate legislation to include maintenance and facility contracts in the program.

(78) The Treasurer of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby authorized to negotiate a line(s) of credit or any credit enhancement program(s) or financial product(s) with a financial institution(s) to provide funding; the program’s guaranty pool may serve as collateral for any such line of credit.

In the event the City desires to provide credit enhancement under this Subsection for a period in excess of one fiscal year, the full aggregate amount of the City’s obligations under such credit enhancement must be placed in a segregated account encumbered solely by the City’s obligations under such credit enhancement.

(9) Term of Bonding Assistance Program. The Director is authorized to enter into the agreements described in this Subsection for a period ending on the earlier of (1) June 30, 2013 or (2) the date on which the Controller is no longer able to certify the availability of funds for any new guarantee agreement.

(819) Default on Guarantees. The City Administrator shall decertify any contractor that defaults on a loan or bond for which the City has provided a guarantee on the contractor’s behalf. However, the City Administrator may in its sole discretion refrain from such decertification upon a finding that the City has contributed to such default.

(B) Education and Training. The City Administrator shall continue to develop and to-strengthen existing education and training programs for LBEs and City contract awarding personnel.

(C) Cooperative Agreements. With the approval of the Commission and the Board of Supervisors, the City Administrator may enter into cooperative agreements with
agencies, public and private, concerned with increasing the use of LBEs in government contracting.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of passage.

Section 4. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Administrative Code that are explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the legislation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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March 06, 2013 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - AMENDED

March 06, 2013 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

March 12, 2013 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

March 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang and Wiener
Excused: 2 - Farrell and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 3/19/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved 3/28/13