

Action Alert

Dear Concerned Contractor:

The members of Pennsylvania General Assembly may have an opportunity in the coming weeks to make a real difference in how school districts award construction contracts. And, you can help them do the right thing.

The practice of allowing school districts to waive the multiple primes bidding requirement needs to be stopped. Several bills have already been introduced to require that school districts seeking such a waiver must bid the project soliciting both single and multiple primes and opt for the less expensive approach. This approach has already proven to save tax payers millions of dollars compared with single prime construction.

The Concerned Contractors, an advocacy group comprised of plumbing, electrical, HVAC and general contractors, want the thousands of small business owners in PA to have the opportunity to public bid projects, rather than only a few large general contractors/brokers being allowed to submit bids to the owner.

The Concerned Contractors believe multiple-prime bid contracts have a proven track record of saving money and can help public school projects come in under budget. By using bonded multiple-prime contractors, an additional layer of experience and reliability is provided.

As you may know, a Task Force on Mandate Waivers was convened to examine evidence regarding multiple-prime bid vs. single prime bid contracts for school construction projects. The final report of the Task Force suggested that school districts should not rely solely on a single prime bid. Instead, the number one recommendation of the Task Force was to require school districts that wanted a waiver to solicit bids using both a single and multiple prime approach and select the less expensive option. We are now advocating that the PA School Code be amended to accomplish this.

It is our understanding that the legislature may soon vote on the State budget, so there is not a moment to lose. [Please click here to find your state legislators.](#) Contact him or her today asking him or her to support the amendment of the School Code to require the elimination of multiple prime waivers in favor of requiring the districts to bid both ways. Let your state legislator know that you understand that including this language as part of the overall budget will save thousands of local jobs and help our communities. Please take action now to let legislators know how this impacts your business.

Take Action Now!

Your voice does make a difference. Legislators need to know that these opportunities are valuable to Pennsylvania communities and you need to contact your legislator today to express your opinion.

Thank you for your help!

The Concerned Contractors of Pennsylvania

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The Concerned Contractors of Pennsylvania is a coalition of open shop and union shop contractors (plumbers,

electricians, HVAC and building trades) that have organized to represent the many small business owners and construction workers across the state. The mission of the coalition is to bring unfair and needlessly expensive bidding to the attention of the parents, students, school board officials, legislators and the media. We update our site regularly with articles, opportunities and links, so please bookmark the home page of [Concerned Contractors of Pennsylvania](#) and visit it often.