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No. 621

An Act to amend *The Public Works and Services Act* to Prioritize Local Jobs

(Assented to _____)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 *The Public Works and Services (Prioritizing Local Jobs) Amendment Act.*

S.S. Year, c. P-46.1 amended

2 *The Public Works and Services Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 2 amended

3 **Section 2 is amended by adding the following definition:**

“(a.1) **“community benefit”** means a social, economic or environmental benefit that a community derives from a construction, maintenance or repair project, and includes local job creation and training opportunities, improvement of public space within the community and any other specific benefit identified by the community”.

New section 8.1

4 **The following section is inserted after section 8:**

“Community Benefit Required

8.1 The Minister, before awarding a contract for the construction, maintenance or repair of public works valued at more than \$50,000,000, will require bidders on the proposal to provide information on the community benefit that the project will provide”.

New section 9.1

5 **The following section is inserted after section 9:**

“Prioritizing Local Workers

9.1(1) The Minister shall require bidders on public works valued at more than \$50,000,000 to provide information on the following when responding to a call for tenders:

- (a) expected total number of hours worked by employees who are Saskatchewan residents;
- (b) expected total number of hours worked by unionized employees;
- (c) expected total number of hours worked by employees who are Indigenous Persons;

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- (d) expected number of hours worked by apprentices;
 - (e) expected total number of hours worked by employees who are Canadian residents not resident in Saskatchewan;
 - (f) expected total number of hours worked by non-Canadian residents.
- (2) When selecting a bid in response to a call for tenders for public works valued at more than \$50,000,000, the Minister shall give consideration to:
- (a) expected community benefit;
 - (b) expected total number of hours worked by employees who are Saskatchewan Residents;
 - (c) expected total number of hours worked by unionized employees;
 - (d) expected number of hours worked by apprentices;
 - (e) expected total number of hours worked by employees who are Indigenous Persons;
 - (f) expected total number of hours worked by employees who are Canadian residents not resident in Saskatchewan;
 - (g) expected total number of hours worked by non-Canadian residents.
- (3) During the construction of a public work valued at more than \$50,000,000, the contracting party shall prioritize the hiring of residents of Saskatchewan, unionized employees, apprentices, and Indigenous persons.
- (4) Beginning at the start date of each public work valued at \$50,000,000 or more, the contracting party shall provide the Minister with monthly reports on the community benefits, and actual number of hours worked within each category in subsection 9.1(1). The Minister shall make these reports available on the government website or through other electronic means.
- (5) The Minister shall include in the annual report each year information on the community benefits of every public work valued at \$50,000,000 or more”.

Coming into force

- 6** This Act comes into force on Assent.

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