

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**  
**BILL No. 621**

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

**Clause  
of Bill**

- 1 Short title.
- 2 Amending language.
- 3 **Section 2 amended**

**Explanation**

- Definitions of “community benefit” is added to define language used in subsequent new sections:

“(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”.

4 **New section 8.1**

**“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”.

5 **New section 9.1**

**“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;

- (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”.

## **6 Coming into force**