

# ST. LOUIS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT

The City of St. Louis has enacted an ordinance relating the purchase of domestic products by City government, with penalty provisions. The ordinance amends Section 5.58.010 Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, 1986, as amended by adding thereto new subsections dealing with the requirement that the Supply Commissioner or his designee give preference to goods or commodities manufactured in the United States of America, stating exceptions to said policy. Sections one through six are reprinted below.

**Section One.** Section 5.58.010 Revised Code of the City of St. Louis is hereby amended by adding the following language: "Each solicitation to bid and the method of describing the items to bid upon of any goods or commodities sought to be purchased by the Office of Supply Commissioner, and any contract entered into by and on behalf of the City of St. Louis and executed by the Mayor and/or the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis wherein the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of any public works is the subject of the contract so executed, shall contain a provision that the goods or commodities furnished or used in the furtherance of said project by any contractor or subcontractor, manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States, and said requirement as defined above shall be stated in said bid."

**Section Two.** The provision of Section One of this Ordinance shall not apply in the following instances:

- (i) Where the item purchased as the contract entered into for repairs or renovation is less than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.
- (ii) Where no line of a particular good or product is manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States.
- (iii) Where the acquisition of United States manufactured or produced goods would increase the cost by more than (10%) percent.

**Section Three.** The certificate required by this section shall specify the nature of the contract, the product being purchased or leased the names and addresses of the United States manufacturers and producers could not supply sufficient quantities or that the price of the products would increase the cost of the contract by more than ten percent.

**Section Four.** No public agency may authorize, provide for, or make any payment to any vendor or contractor upon any contract in violation of section 2 of this act. Prior to the awarding of the bid and before any public agency authorizes, provides, or makes payment to any vendor or contractor upon any contract to which section 2 or 6 of this act applies, the vendor or contractor shall provide proof of compliance with section 2, and if applicable, section 6 of this act. Any vendor or contractor who knowingly misrepresents any material fact to the public agency concerning the origin of any manufactured goods or commodities shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

**Section Five.** Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall apply only to contracts and subcontracts entered into after effective date of this act, and shall not limit the use or supply of manufactured goods or commodities purchased or leased prior to the effective date of this act.

**Section Six.** Nothing in sections 1 or 6 of this act is intended to contravene any existing treaty, law, agreement, or regulation of the United States. All contracts in section 1 or 6 of this act shall be entered into in accordance with existing treaty, law, agreement, or regulation of the United States including all treaties entered into between foreign countries and the United States regarding export-import restrictions and international trade and shall not be in violation of sections 1 to 6 of this act to the extent of such accordance.

## Interpretations and Guidelines

**Section One:** "Shall be manufactured" is interpreted to mean to make or process a raw material into a finished product or to turn-out in a mechanical manner. "Assembled" is interpreted to mean to fit or to join together the parts, gather, or to congregate in a manufacturing environment. "Produced" is interpreted to mean to create by manual or physical effort, to make or yield to customary product or products.

**Section Two (i)** This is interpreted to mean less than one thousand dollars in aggregate (total purchases).

**(iii)** When applying this subsection, multiply the cost of the foreign product by ten percent and compare the cost to the American product. If the American product cost is less than the sum of the cost of the foreign product plus ten percent, the award will be made to the vendor bidding the American product. The price paid by the City of St. Louis will be the actual price bid by the winning bidder.

**Section Three:** "Could not supply sufficient quantities" is interpreted to mean in order to meet the using agency's delivery schedule and in quantity specified.

**Section Four:** The vendor's authorized representative must complete a self-certification form, as required by the existing procedures previously indicated. These certification forms will be used to determine whether the manufacturer or producers could, or could not supply sufficient quantities, or the cost of the products would increase the contract by more than ten percent.

Prior to the city awarding the bid, the vendor shall provide certification that the product being bid is manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States or there is an existing treaty, law or regulation where by the product bid shall be treated the same as product manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States. The procuring agency shall accept the self certification in order to apply the percentage differential that is applicable under this law. Failure to provide certification shall cause the city to presume that such product is not American made and preference shall not be considered for that product.

# CERTIFICATION FORM

## ST. LOUIS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT

### (BUY AMERICAN)

Bidders are advised of legislation enacted by the City of St. Louis which requires all manufactured goods or commodities used or supplied in the performance of this contract or any subcontract to be manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States, unless obtaining American made products would increase the cost of this contract by more than ten percent.

Section Four requires the vendor or contractor to certify his compliance with this legislation and if applicable, Section Six, if preference is claimed.

Bid received will be evaluated on the basis of this legislation. Certificates of compliance must be completed and returned to be considered for preference. Failure to provide certification shall cause the City to presume that such product is not American made.

**CERTIFICATION**

If all the specified goods or products are manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States, check box at left and complete at the bottom of this form.

**SECTION SIX CERTIFICATION**

If any or all of the specified goods or products are manufactured, assembled or produced in a country other and the "United States," and exemption is requested because such product is Fair Trade Product: (a) list the country, other than the United States, where each good or product you propose to furnish is manufactured, assembled or produced; (b) check box at left of this paragraph and list corresponding commodities and (c) complete Section Six Documentation portion below.

Items Number(s)	Location Where Item Manufactured, Assembled or Produced

**SECTION SIX DOCUMENTATION**

The specified goods or products are treated as manufactured, assembled or produced in the United States under an existing treaty, law agreement or regulation of the United States regarding export-import restrictions and international trade. List item Number(s) and Treaties covering item below.

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**DEFINITIONS**

- MANUFACTURED** - to make or process a raw material into a finished product; create, or to produce or to turn-out in a mechanical manner.
- ASSEMBLED** - to fit or join together the parts in a manufacturing environment.
- PRODUCED** - create by manual or physical effort, to make or yield the customary product or products.

**MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED**

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and further certify that this statement complies with all provisions of Section 5.58.010 Revised Code of the City of St. Louis, 1985, as amended.

**FIRM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE and TITLE)