

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to modify the procedures for debarring or suspending a person or business from consideration for an award of District contracts or subcontracts, and to establish a Debarment and Suspension Panel to consider the best interests of the District in the consideration of each debarment or suspension action.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Debarment Procedures Amendment Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. Section 804 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-308.04), is amended as follows:

Amend  
§ 2-308.04

(a) Subsections (a), (b), (b-1), (c), (d), (e), and (g) are amended by striking the phrase "CPO" wherever it appears and inserting the phrase "Debarment and Suspension Panel" in its place.

(b) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1)(A) is amended by adding the phrase "or the present responsibility of the person or business is such that a debarment would not be warranted" before the final semicolon.

(2) Paragraph (3)(B) is amended by adding the phrase "unless the present responsibility of the person or business is such that a debarment would not be warranted" before the final period.

(c) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

(A) Add the phrase "the relevant facts and" after the word "State".

(B) Strike the word "and" after the semicolon.

(2) Add new paragraphs (1A) and (1B) to read as follows:

"(1A) Describe the present responsibility of the contractor;

"(1B) Describe whether the debarment is in the best interests of the District; and".

(d) Add a new subsection (h) to read as follows:

"(h) For the purposes of this section, the phrase "Debarment and Suspension Panel" means a panel consisting of the Chief Procurement Officer and a representative from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, the Deputy Mayor for Operations, the Director of the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining, and from each agency which, in the judgment of the Mayor, would be directly and significantly affected by the proposed debarment. The Mayor shall designate the members of the panel and the panel chair. Legal advice to the panel in its deliberations on debarment decisions shall be provided by the Office of the Corporation Counsel."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia