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**Authorizing The Use Of Apprenticeship Programs
As A Condition Of Award Of Certain Public
Works Contracts**

WHEREAS, until recently, state law did not allow a governmental entity which is a party to a construction contract to require that contractors participate in an apprenticeship training program; and

WHEREAS, by Chapter 571 of the Laws of 2001, the legislature adopted and the Governor signed into law an amendment to the Labor Law authorizing municipalities to require such apprenticeship training programs; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of apprenticeship training programs will expand the pool of skilled workers in the City of Rochester by providing many residents with the means to increase their employment opportunities and income, thereby fostering the local and regional economies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rochester hereby establishes a policy to promote apprenticeship training programs as authorized by Section 816-b of the New York State Labor Law.

Section 2. For the purposes of this ordinance, a "construction contract" shall mean any City public works contract for an amount in excess of \$250,000 for construction, reconstruction or improvement of any building, facility or physical structure of any kind.

Section 3. The term "contractor" shall mean a contractor which directly employs labor under a construction contract, but shall not mean a subcontractor.

Section 4. The City of Rochester hereby requires any contractor, prior to entering into a construction contract with the City of Rochester, to have apprenticeship agreements, appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed, which have been registered with and approved by the New York State Commissioner of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the New York State Labor Law.

Section 5. The Commissioner of Environmental Services of the City of Rochester is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations necessary and appropriate for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2004 and shall apply to all construction contracts advertised for bid after that date.

Passed unanimously.