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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Committee Rm, 16th Fl.

B E F O R E:
DARLENE MEALY
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Michael C. Nelson

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CHAIRPERSON MEALY: Good afternoon. My name is Darlene Mealy, and I am the Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Contracts. Today, the Committee is voting on proposed Introduction 1009-A, which required the City to publish an annual breakdown of agency contracts with preferred source vendors. I would like to thank the members of the Committee for being here as well as the bill's prime sponsor. That is Oliver Koppell. He will be here in a minute. I want to thank also the Committee staff, Sharon Manago and Tim Medaso (SP?), and I would like to announce the colleagues that are here, Letitia James, Robert Jackson, Mr. my man Mike Nelson for being here at this Committee.

Preferred source vendors are vendors which the State of New York has selected to receive special consideration when agencies procure goods or services. These vendors include the Department of Correctional Services, correctional industry programs, industries for the blind of New York State, and New York State industries for the disabled.

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2 When agencies need to procure a good or
3 service, they must first check if the good or
4 service is provided by one of the preferred source
5 vendors. If it is and the good or service meet the
6 quantity requirement of the agency, the agency must
7 purchase the good or service from the preferred
8 vendor as long as the price is no higher than 15
9 percent above the market price or the lowest price
10 bid.

11 The bill we are voting on today seeks to
12 facilitate this by requiring the City to publish a
13 detailed annual report which shows both the value
14 of goods and services that are provided by
15 preferred source vendors but were procured from
16 non-preferred source vendors. When we heard this
17 bill last month, we learned from the Mayor's Office
18 of Contract Services that under current practice it
19 does not track or routinely review agency
20 compliance with the preferred source vendor law.
21 By creating a more transparency, this bill will
22 hopefully increase marked oversight in this area,
23 provide preferred source vendors with the necessary
24 tools to determine where they might be missing out
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on opportunities and help ensure that the City is fully compliant with the law.

I want to thank everyone who is here today and I want to acknowledged Mark-Viverito. She's a part of our committee. Unless anyone from this committee would like to say anything? Unless anyone else from this committee have anything to say, I would like to ask the clerk to take this vote.

COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Contracts, Introduction 1009-A. Council Member Mealy?

CHAIRPERSON MEALY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Absolutely, yes.

Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, item is adopted. Council Members, please sign a committee report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MEALY: This Committee is now adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date 12/27/2013