

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
5 adding Section 45-110 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 500/45-110 new)

7 Sec. 45-110. Former coal mining employees.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Abandoned Mined Land Reclamation Project" means
10 construction or construction-related professional services
11 that are utilized for reclamation projects awarded by the
12 Department of Natural Resources pursuant to the Abandoned
13 Mined Lands and Water Reclamation Act.

14 "Former coal mine employee" means a individual who was
15 previously employed in any capacity by a coal mining company
16 in which the company engaged in the extraction of coal
17 deposits or was previously employed in any capacity by a
18 coal-fired power plant.

19 (b) In awarding contracts for Abandoned Mined Land
20 Reclamation Projects with a total value of more than \$100,000,
21 preference shall be given to an otherwise qualified bidder
22 who:

23 (1) provides proof that at least 2 current employees

1 of the bidder are former coal mine employees and that all
2 such declared former coal mine employees in the bid shall
3 be utilized in the fulfillment of an awarded Abandoned
4 Mined Land Reclamation Project; or

5 (2) commits to employing at least 2 former coal mine
6 employees hired out of a union hall in the fulfillment of
7 the Abandoned Mined Land Reclamation Project. Under this
8 paragraph (2), the bidder shall provide proof that at
9 least 2 former coal mine employees have been hired out of a
10 union hall within 60 days after the start of construction,
11 and the bidder shall declare that the former coal mine
12 employees, after being hired, shall be utilized in the
13 fulfillment of an awarded Abandoned Mined Land Reclamation
14 Project.

15 When the Department of Natural Resources is to award a
16 contract to the lowest responsible bidder, an otherwise
17 qualified bidder who will fulfill the contract through the use
18 of former coal mine employees may be given preference over
19 other bidders unable to do so, if the bid is not more than 2%
20 greater than the low bid.

21 (c) This Section does not apply to any contract for any
22 project for which federal funds are available for expenditure
23 when its provisions may be in conflict with federal law or
24 federal regulation.