

What is a Responsible Bidder Ordinance?

A Responsible Bidder Ordinance is an ordinance that specifies certain criteria that a contractor who wishes to perform work on behalf of a public body (village, city, county, park district, etc.) must meet in order to win a contract from that public body.

What is the purpose of a Responsible Bidder Ordinance?

The main purpose is really two-fold:

- Protect the taxpayers and officials of the public body from awarding construction work to a contractor who is not highly trained, safety oriented or financially responsible. The ordinance will also assure they hire a contractor with a history of compliance with all Illinois contracting laws and a proven commitment to training, safety and sound labor relations.
- Create a fair and level bidding environment for all contractors - eliminating the practice of low bidders cutting corners and breaking laws to make cost.

Why should I pass a Responsible Bidder Ordinance?

A Responsible Bidder Ordinance will give you the best chance possible to hire a contractor that will perform work as bid on time and within budget, with no accidents or rebuilds. You will save money and hassles in the long run by assuring up front that the contractor you hire has proven their commitment to following contracting laws such as prevailing wage compliance and shown their dedication to training, safety, and performance.

Who else has passed a Responsible Bidder Ordinance?

A few of the many public bodies that utilize a Responsible Bidder Ordinance are:

- Village of Coal City
- City of Aurora
- City of Chicago Heights
- City of Orland Park
- City of Springfield
- Kane County
- Will County
- New Lenox School District
- Springfield Park District

What does a Responsible Bidder Ordinance Require from a contractor?

A comprehensive Responsible Bidder Ordinance defines the term “Responsible Bidder” as a contractor who:

- Produces evidence that the business is properly registered and authorized to conduct the type of work to be performed.
- Complies with requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Departments of Revenue and/or registration and the Illinois Department of Employment Security.
- Conforms with environmental, labor, and health and safety laws, including OSHA requirements.
- Provides a certificate of all relevant insurance coverage.
- Complies with any and all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.
- Participates in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.
- Shows sufficient financial ability to perform the contract as bid.

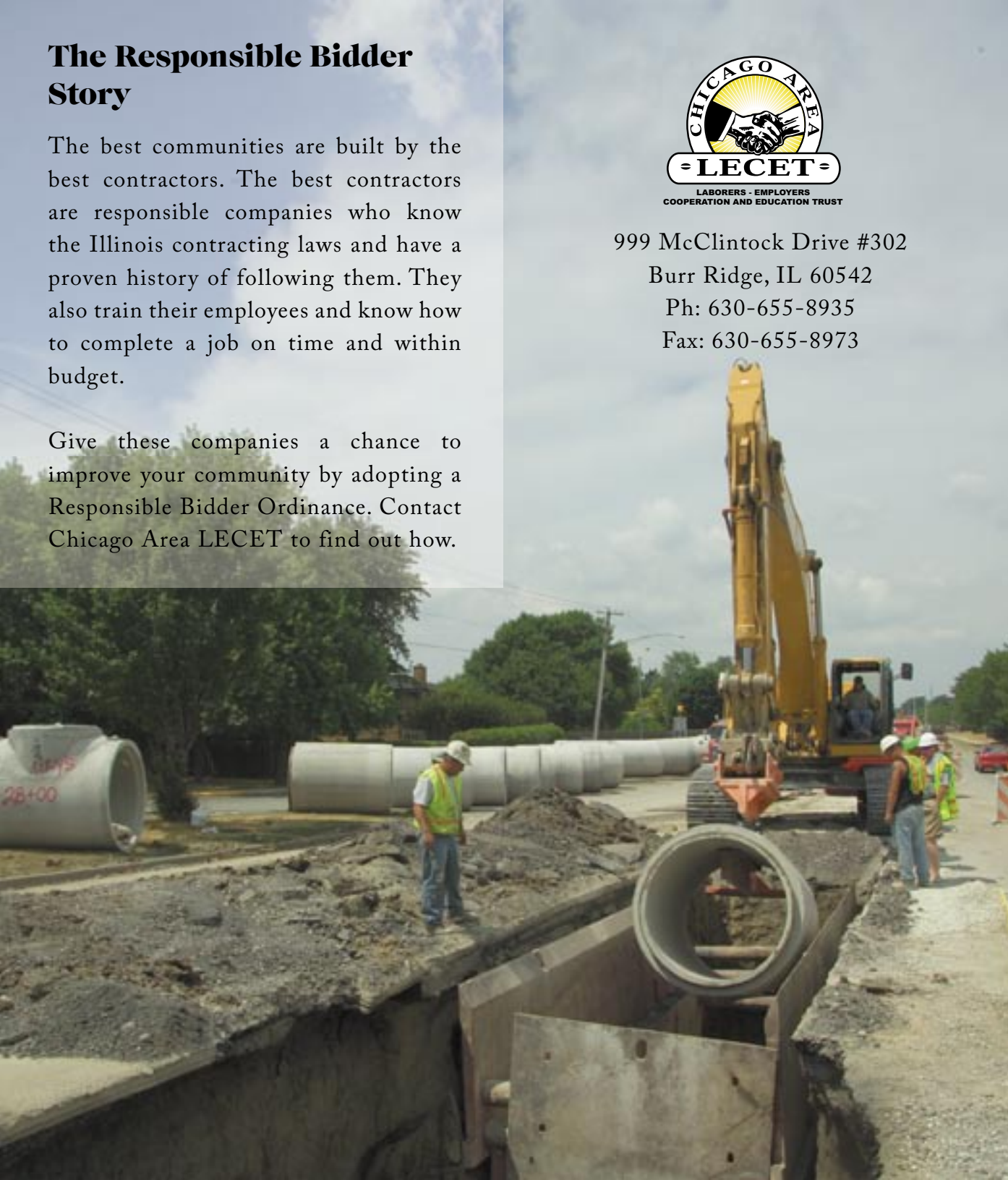
The Responsible Bidder Story

The best communities are built by the best contractors. The best contractors are responsible companies who know the Illinois contracting laws and have a proven history of following them. They also train their employees and know how to complete a job on time and within budget.

Give these companies a chance to improve your community by adopting a Responsible Bidder Ordinance. Contact Chicago Area LECET to find out how.



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