

Rep. Stallworth offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 333.

A resolution to urge the federal and state administrations to use an expanded best value contracting model in the city of Detroit for certain projects, and generally, for road and bridge repair projects and blight removal within the city.

Whereas, Best value contracting practices are used by procurement teams to help select the contract offering the best value-for-dollar. Rather than relying on price alone in awarding contracts, the best value contract model takes into account other factors such as the quality and benefits of the proposal, quality of the performance metrics and evaluation method, risks associated with the proposal, the applicant's management approach and controls, and the applicant's management team. It also takes into account the past performance of the contractor as well as their past experiences. Procurement agents can vary the weight of these factors to help select the most ideal contractor for the project at hand; and

Whereas, The best value contract model can be expanded to maximize the positive impact of a project on local economies and communities while emphasizing that construction work be minimally invasive to the lives of local residents. This enhanced procurement model can include additional weights for quality of life plans, local economic development, and local job expansion. Quality of life plans may include air quality monitoring and pollution mitigation plans, ambient plans, construction noise monitoring and mitigation plans, construction traffic and mobility monitoring plans, congestion mitigation plans, and limiting construction damage plans. Local economic development and job expansion weights may include whether contractors will rely on local supply chains, local contractors, and local skilled workers as well as whether they intend to deploy local non-skilled workforce development programs and workplace safety plans; and

Whereas, Several infrastructure projects with significant local, regional, and international implications are currently being proposed and undertaken within the city of Detroit. Projects like the New International Bridge Crossing, Continental Rail Gateway, International Port, Woodward Avenue M-1 Streetcar, and the city's new sports arena—as well as other road and bridge repair projects and blight removal—are reshaping the city, modernizing the city's infrastructure, and growing the local economy. Procurement agents should take into account quality of life plans, local economic development, and local job expansion benefits when awarding project contracts so that these projects can provide maximum benefit for the citizens of Detroit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the federal and state administrations to use an expanded best value contracting model in the city of Detroit for project proposals related to the New International Bridge Crossing, Continental Rail Gateway, International Port, Woodward Avenue M-1 Streetcar, the city's new sports arena, and generally, for road and bridge repair projects and blight removal within the city; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Governor of the State of Michigan, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.