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RESOLVED

Whereas the Civic Alliance recognizes the inefficiencies and disruption caused to Lower Manhattan by current restrictions on public agencies to pre-qualify bidders or allow joint bidding on infrastructure projects;

Whereas this temporary targeted measure, focused on Lower Manhattan below Houston Street and set to expire in 2014 is narrow enough that it may be successful where other efforts to allow for joint bidding have failed;

Whereas the legislation explicitly encourages hiring of minority and women owned businesses, and requires agencies and their contractors to use low-sulfur fuel;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Civic Alliance supports the proposed legislation for the **Coordinated Construction Act of Lower Manhattan** in order to:

- **Allow public agencies to pre-qualify bidders.**
- **Require contracts over \$1,000,000 to include NYS-approved apprenticeship agreements.**
- **Require all public agencies to establish procedures for participation by minority and women owned businesses.**
- **Allow Joint Bidding on infrastructure repair projects.**
- **Allow agencies to procure owner controlled insurance (OCIPs).**
- **Require agencies and their contractors and subcontractors to use ultra-low sulfur fuel.**
- **Encourage and facilitate cooperative, interagency purchasing.**