

Spokane Quality-Jobs Ordinance

Apprenticeship

Creates requirement for a state-approved apprenticeship program on all public works projects over \$350,000. 15% of all labor hours must be performed by apprentices. Also creates penalty for contractors who fail to meet this requirement.

- For every dollar invested in apprenticeship, \$91 was returned to participants in the form of increased new lifetime earnings and \$23 to the taxpaying public in additional tax revenue. Source: *Washington Workforce Training Board*
- Other Washington Cities Utilizing Apprenticeships: *Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver*

Proximity to Jobsite

Codifies that location of general and sub-contractor(s) be considered evaluation criteria in design-build contracts.

- Design-Build contracts are the only contracts allowed to provide a contractor location preference.
- Authorized in RCW 39.10

Local Sales Tax Preference

Creates ordinance amending contracting procedures to consider sales tax in determining the lowest bid for the purchases of supplies, materials and equipment. Exempts interlocal purchasing agreements (state vehicle contract) and the purchase of telecommunications equipment from the U.S. Government.

- This is the only "local preference" contracting ordinance authorized under state law.
- Authorized in RCW 39.30.040