

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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5 Councilor Chavez

6 Councilor Romero

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE
12 PROCUREMENT CODE TO EXPAND SECTION 15.2 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A “BUY
13 AMERICAN” PROCUREMENT POLICY.

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15 WHEREAS, Section 15.2 of the City of Procurement Code directs the City to purchase
16 its buses and vehicles that are manufactured in North America; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has long been an advocate for the local economy by
18 implementing “buy local” policies and giving local preference to potential contractors; and

19 WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2011-66 which directed staff
20 to expand the local preference section of the City of Santa Fe Procurement Code so that
21 contractors whose subcontractors are businesses located in Santa Fe County are given a greater
22 opportunity when bidding on City capital improvement contracts and have the ability to employ
23 the unemployed and underemployed residents of Santa Fe who work in the construction trades;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, *Buy Into It* is a City of Santa Fe economic development campaign that

1 promotes the local economy in Santa Fe by encouraging individuals and businesses to spend their
2 money locally to support employment and local businesses through their spending choices; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to establish a policy for the City and its contractors
4 to buy American made products; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Buy American Act, 41 U.S.C. §§ 10a–10d, was enacted in 1933 and
6 has only been substantively amended four times in the succeeding years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Buy American Act is the major domestic preference statute governing
8 procurement by the Federal government; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Act attempts to protect domestic labor by providing a preference for
10 American goods in government purchases; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the United Steelworkers Union (“USW”) has implemented a movement that
12 calls on government at every level to spend tax dollars on creating good jobs at home; and

13 **WHEREAS**, over 1,000 cities and states have introduced resolutions supporting the USW
14 movement; and

15 **WHEREAS**, since 2008, the economic downturn has had a critical impact on everyday
16 Americans struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasing difficult environment, and

17 **WHEREAS**, those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to
18 operate essential government services, and

19 **WHEREAS**, taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and
20 restoring the economic vitality of the Nation, and

21 **WHEREAS**, any domestically produced products that are purchased will immediately help
22 struggling American families and will help stabilize the greater economy, and

23 **WHEREAS**, by establishing a procurement policy to Buy American, the City of Santa Fe
24 would commit to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced
25 within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay taxes.

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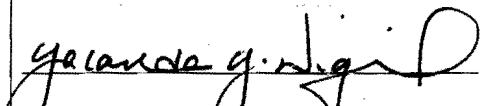
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that staff is directed to prepare amendments to the City of Santa Fe Procurement Code to expand section 15.2 in order to establish a "Buy American" procurement policy.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29th day of February, 2012.

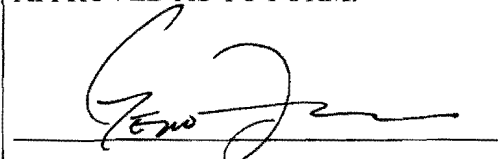


DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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