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Bid-Listing Requirement
(30% Response Rate)

Issue Background: H.R. 1859 (formerly H.R. 4012 in 2000) would require prime bidders on federal construction contracts (of over \$1 million) to list all subcontractors whose work is over \$100,000 on the project. The so-called "bid-listing" requirement would reinstate a contracting policy dropped during the Reagan administration.

1. Do you view your firm primarily as:

Design - 10.3%
Construction - 65.5%
Both - 24.2%

2. What is your view with respect to reinstatement of the so-called "bid-listing" requirement for federal construction contracts?

Favor - 13.8%
Oppose - 79.4%
Not Sure - 3.4%
No Opinion - 3.4%

3. On a scale of 1-5 (with one meaning you strongly disagree and five meaning you strongly agree), what are your views of the advocates' contentions that reinstating the "bid-listing" requirement will:

a. ensure the government will know who it is doing business with:

strongly disagree - 37.9%
disagree - 20.7%
neutral - 17.2%
agree - 13.8%
strongly agree - 10.3%

b. prevent prime contractors from shopping the subcontracted work to get a cheaper price:

strongly disagree - 31.0%
disagree - 31.0%
neutral - 13.8%
agree - 10.3%
strongly agree - 13.8%

c. may assist minority and women owned subcontractors obtain work:

strongly disagree - 57.1%
disagree - 25.0%
neutral - 7.1%
agree - 3.7%
strongly agree - 7.1%

4. On a scale of 1-5 (with one meaning you strongly disagree and five meaning you strongly agree), what are your views with respect to possible negative or undesirable aspects of reinstating the "bid-listing" requirement:

a. will increase overall costs of projects:

strongly disagree - 16.9%
disagree - 6.9%
neutral - 10.3%
agree - 41.4%
strongly agree - 34.4%

b. will increase the cost and time to prepare proposals:

strongly disagree – 10.3%
disagree – 10.3%
neutral – 10.3%
agree – 24.1%
strongly agree – 44.8%

c. will reduce flexibility:

strongly disagree – 10.3%
disagree – 6.9%
neutral – 10.3%
agree – 10.3%
strongly agree – 62.1%

d. will impact finding the most qualified subcontractor:

strongly disagree – 24.1%
disagree – 10.3%
neutral – 3.4%
agree – 20.7%
strongly agree – 41.4%

e. will potentially impact quality of project:

strongly disagree – 13.8%
disagree – 17.2%
neutral – 17.2%
agree – 20.7%
strongly agree – 31.0%

f. will impede entry of new subcontractors into the market:

strongly disagree – 10.3%
disagree – 17.2%
neutral – 20.7%
agree – 17.2%
strongly agree – 37.9%

g. will impede minor and women owned subcontractors:

strongly disagree – 14.8%
disagree – 14.8%
neutral – 11.1%
agree – 22.2%
strongly agree – 37.0%

5. Do you view the \$1 million prime contract threshold to impose the "bid listing" requirement as:

Too High – 0.0%
About Right – 7.1%
Too Low – 67.9%
No Opinion – 25.0%

If too high or too low, what should be the threshold amount? **Range from: \$5M - \$100M**

6. Do you view the \$100,000 subcontract threshold to be included in the "bid listing" requirement as:

Too High – 0.0%
About Right – 11.1%
Too Low – 66.7%
No Opinion – 22.2.0%

If too high or too low, what should be the threshold amount? **Range from: \$250K - \$10M**