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**Referred to the
Committee on Commerce & Economic Development**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding a new Chapter creating The Economic Opportunity Task Force, to develop plans for increasing employment for minorities, women and disabled persons in connection with publicly funded construction contracts and increasing contracting with minority-owned, female-owned and disabled-owned businesses for such projects; and creating an Economic Opportunity Resource Council comprised of representatives of government departments and agencies to support the work of the Task Force; all under certain terms and conditions.

SECTION 1. Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 21. MISCELLANEOUS

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CHAPTER 21-1500. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TASK FORCE

§21-1501. Economic Opportunity Task Force.

(1) An Economic Opportunity Task Force is hereby established in the Office of the Director of Finance for the purpose of developing plans to:

(a) increase the employment of minorities, women and the disabled in the building trades that work on publicly funded construction projects; and

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(b) *increase contracting with Minority-Owned Businesses, Female-Owned Businesses and Disabled-Owned Businesses, as those terms are defined by Section 17-501 of this Code, in connection with publicly funded construction projects.*

(2) *The Task Force shall consist of the Finance Director and ten other members, six members to be appointed by the Mayor and four members to be selected by a 2/3 vote of the six appointees. There shall be at least one member selected from each of the following organizations, groups and government agencies:*

(a) *neighborhood and community groups;*

(b) *the businesses community;*

(c) *building trade unions;*

(d) *building trade training providers;*

(e) *construction contractors;*

(f) *City Council; and*

(g) *such members of the Administration as shall be determined by the Mayor.*

(3) *The Task Force shall have access to all employment and contract data within the City needed to develop its plans and shall work with the relevant City Departments and agencies to obtain similar information from outside of the City.*

(4) *The Task Force shall be funded by appropriations made to the Office of the Finance Director and shall be provided with a paid consultant, who shall serve as the repository for the collection, analysis and reporting of data and who shall convene all meetings of the Task Force.*

(5) *The Task Force shall meet no less than bi-monthly and shall provide interim reports to the Mayor and City Council no less than quarterly. The Task Force shall provide a final written report within one (1) year of the date this Chapter becomes law.*

(6) *The Task Force shall establish rules for its internal operation but shall not disrupt the operations of any City department or agency.*

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§21-1502. *Economic Opportunity Resource Council.*

- (1) *An Economic Opportunity Resource Council is hereby created to:*
 - (a) *assemble and provide contracting and other relevant data as requested by the Task Force needed to produce the Task Force's plans and reports;*
 - (b) *provide procurement and contracting policies and other relevant information to assist the Task Force in developing its plans and reports; and*
 - (c) *provide input and guidance to the Task Force to assist it in understanding the contracting operations of governmental departments and agencies.*

- (2) *The Resource Council shall consist of the Finance Director and representatives of the following government agencies and departments as determined by the Mayor:*
 - (a) *the Capital Programs Office;*
 - (b) *the Procurement Department;*
 - (c) *Minority Business Enterprise Council (MBEC);*
 - (d) *the Office of Housing and Community Development;*
 - (e) *the Law Department;*
 - (f) *the Philadelphia Housing Authority;*
 - (g) *the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation; and*
 - (h) *City Council.*

- (3) *The Resource Council shall be chaired by the Finance Director, and shall meet as often as deemed necessary to respond to the requests of the Task Force, but no less than quarterly.*

- (4) *The Resource Council shall cooperate fully with all requests of the Task Force and shall provide requested data within a reasonable time period, as determined between the Resource Council and the Task Force.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, but shall expire one month after a final report is provided as required pursuant to this Ordinance.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.