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## **Legislation seeks to nurture socially-responsible contractors**

*Press event TOMORROW to showcase proposal*

Alderman Milele A. Coggs will be joined by colleagues and community partners at City Hall tomorrow (Wednesday, September 19) at 1 p.m. to showcase legislation that focuses on socially-responsible contractors. The measure would require the city purchasing director to create a bid scoring system that awards additional points to contractors who make efforts to eliminate or significantly reduce barriers to unemployment.

The legislation (**Council file#170638**) – to be heard during tomorrow’s Finance and Personnel Committee meeting (9 a.m. in room 301-B at City Hall) – has language requiring the company to fulfill at least three actions and/or programs. Among the examples listed are – hiring persons with a felony conviction; assisting current or prospective employees in earning high school diplomas; providing hours of paid sick leave; and underwriting or facilitating services for employees such as obtaining a valid driver’s license, legal aid services, child care and family-related dependent care, and emergency housing.

“To create improved conditions in Milwaukee we will need an ‘all hands on deck approach’ that asks everyone to do a little extra in their daily work,” said Alderman Coggs, noting other community partners will also be in attendance at the press event. “This legislation puts forth incentives to city-hired contractors for them to be a part of a push in doing things differently to help put people back to work. I believe these extra efforts can help improve conditions and turn lives around for the better, and I want to thank my colleagues who have signed on as co-sponsors to this legislation.”

Co-sponsors of the file are Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderman Chantia Lewis, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton and Alderman Cavalier “Chevy” Johnson.

- WHO: Alderman Coggs, 9to5 and the YWCA
- WHEN: Wednesday, September 19 at 1 p.m.
- WHERE: City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Wells St.