



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A8134/S6427, which would allow certain New York City agencies to use Design-Build contracts for construction projects.

By Council Member Vallone

Whereas, In Fiscal Year 2016 the City of New York spent \$52.2 billion on construction projects, the highest amount since 1995, after adjusting for inflation; and

Whereas, According to the International construction market survey of 2017, New York City had the highest construction costs in the world, an increase of 3.5 percent since the previous year; and

Whereas, The current process by which construction projects are procured for the City requires firms to create a design, submit it to the City as a bid, and if the bid meets the project specifications and is the lowest price, the firm is awarded the contract and then works with the builder to build the design; and

Whereas, This process is inefficient, requiring the use of extra time and money because it entails separate contracts and approval processes for the design and construction phases; and

Whereas, An alternative model is for the design and the construction firms to jointly submit design bids, allowing the construction firm to be fully engaged in the project from the outset; and

Whereas, In streamlining the process, the Design-Build method is expected to save the City \$450 million; and

Whereas, In 2011, New York State passed a law that allowed certain State authorities to use design-build contracts, but did not give that option to municipalities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass

and the Governor to sign A8134/S6427, which would allow certain New York City agencies to use Design-Build contracts for construction projects.

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