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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES MEASURE TO EXPAND DPS APPRENTICESHIP
BID INCENTIVE TO CPS GRADUATES**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced an amendment to Section 2-92-335 of the Municipal Code to expand the definition of apprentice in the Department of Procurement Services' (DPS) apprentice utilization bid incentive to include apprentices who are graduates of high schools operated by Chicago Public Schools (CPS). This change would reward firms for providing opportunities to local high school graduates.

"Increased education, training and employment have a positive impact on the economy and our neighborhoods," said Mayor Emanuel. "Making this change to the City's bid incentive will reward contractors who provide opportunities to CPS graduates and will further enhance the value of a CPS diploma."

At present, the City has a bid incentive for the utilization of apprentices sponsored into an apprenticeship training program and enrolled in or graduated from a construction technology training program administered by the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC). Under this amendment, the definition of apprentice would be expanded to add CPS graduates who are sponsored into an apprenticeship training program.

The ordinance applies to City funded construction projects having an estimated contract value of \$100,000 or more. The amount of the bid incentive depends on the number of labor hours the bidder commits to be performed by apprentices, and whether the commitment was met.

If five to 10 percent of the total labor hours is committed to and actually performed by apprentices, then the bidder receives a 0.5 percent bid incentive, which can be used on a future bid; if 11 to 15 percent of the total labor hours is committed to and actually performed by apprentices, then the future bid incentive is one percent.

This measure builds on other changes made by Mayor Emanuel to expand opportunities for CPS graduates. For example, the Mayor previously reformed City hiring processes to ensure that CPS

graduates are allotted hiring preference for large-scale hires such as entry-level Police, entry-level Fire, Laborer and Laborer Apprentice.

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