

City of Memphis



TENNESSEE

A C WHARTON, JR.
MAYOR

August 18, 2010

The Honorable Myron Lowery
Memphis City Council
125 North Main Street, Suite 514
Memphis, TN 38103-2086

RE: Local Vendor Preference


Dear Councilman Lowery:

Thank you for your recent letter urging the Administration to choose a Memphis vendor for the 15 vehicles approved for purchase by the Council on August 10th. I believe your suggestion has merit. As a matter of fact, we experienced difficulty with a vendor when attempting to correct certain paperwork due in large part because of the lack of a full service office in Memphis.

By copy of this letter, I am asking Chief Administrative Officer George Little and City Attorney Herman Morris to advise me promptly as to what steps we must take to enact a local preference policy for future city contracts and bids. I might point out that our new Small Business Enterprise Policy does in effect grant the local preference.

Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,


A C Wharton, Jr.
Mayor

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Cc: George Little
Herman Morris