



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 167**  
[2017 Assembly Bill 821]

**Public Contracting Requirements  
and Donated Improvements**

Generally, local units of government must contract with the lowest responsible bidder when contracting for a public construction project with an estimated cost over \$25,000. With respect to certain units of local government, prior law provided an exception to lowest responsible bidder requirements for instances in which construction materials are donated or labor is provided by volunteers, but prior law did not provide a specific exemption for instances in which a facility is donated after construction.

2017 Wisconsin Act 167 specifies that lowest responsible bidder requirements do not apply to construction by a private person of an improvement that is donated to a local unit of government after construction is completed. The exemption, under the Act, applies to public bidding by cities (other than the City of Milwaukee), villages, technical college system boards, and federated public library systems.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.