

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10: THE CONTRACTING AND PURCHASING ORDINANCE OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Cook is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the County of Cook may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs protecting health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to cut labor costs, many U.S. companies are moving service sector and back office jobs overseas; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 3.3 million American technology jobs will be outsourced by 2015 resulting in \$136 billion in lost wages over the next few years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT:

Section 1. The Cook County Contracting and Purchasing Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Section 10-39 as follows:

Section 10-39 Contracts performed outside the United States

Each County contract awarded on or after the effective date of this amendatory ordinance shall include a certification by the contractor that any electronic data processing, computer systems development, computer systems maintenance, customer support, financial or accounting services performed under the contract or a subcontract shall be performed within the United States. The County may void any contract for violation of that certification if the Purchasing Agent deems that action to be in the best interest of the County. The President by rule may establish categories of exemptions from this Section when the President deems those exemptions

to be in the best interests of the County. The Purchasing Agent shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance upon its passage.

Approved and adopted this __ day of _____, 2004.