

Horsham Township Referendum

April 24, 2012

“Shall the Horsham Township Charter be amended to except from competitive bidding all contracts of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500.00) or less, provided that at least three written or telephonic quotes be obtained from responsible and qualified contractors for all contracts between Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500.00)? Future increases in the competitive bidding limits will be based on the Consumer Price Index using the procedure set forth in Section 3102 of Second Class Township Code. This proposed procedure is currently the state-mandated procedure for municipalities without Home Rule Charters.”

YES or NO

Plain English Statement:

The ballot question asks the voters of Horsham Township whether the competitive bid requirement should be increased from Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500.00). The Charter would also include a requirement that in all contracts between Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500.00), the Township would be required to secure three (3) written or telephonic quotations from responsible and qualified bidders. Competitive bidding would not be required in contracts between Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500.00). Future increases in the competitive bid requirements will be made in accordance with the Consumer Price Index using the procedure set forth at Section 3102 of the Second Class Township Code. These bid requirements are consistent with changes previously made by the Pennsylvania legislature in the enabling legislation for most other municipalities and municipal corporations.