

## **Responsible governance**

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Recently, the Courier Times published an ad paid for by the Associated Builder and Contractors Inc. condemning townships that have adopted "Responsible Contracting Ordinances." They even placed a lie in the ad, by stating "the truth is, these ordinances were enacted to ensure that only union contractors are able to work on public construction projects..."

No where in any of Responsible Contracting Ordinances in Pennsylvania or any other state does any such language or requirement exist.

The truth is that the Associated Builders and Contractor is nothing more than a Union of Employers with one objective on its plate. Profits. Why else would they oppose municipalities that want taxpayers money well spent?

Holding contractors to the simple requirements that they must show a past business practice of obeying the laws of the land, training their employees and having a track record of performing the work that they are bidding on, is nothing more than being responsible to their constituents.

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