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Ohio Revised Code

Section 4151.05 Civil actions; state contract bid disqualifications.

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(A) If a contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker fails to comply with an order that has become enforceable against the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker under division (F) of section 4151.04 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker in the court of common pleas of the county where the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker is located or does business or in the court of common pleas of the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred.

(B)(1) If the court determines that a contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker violated section 4151.02 or 4151.03 of the Revised Code, the court shall do both of the following:

(a) Order the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker to pay any portion of the penalty imposed by the attorney general that the court determines to have been validly imposed based on the evidence presented plus an additional one thousand dollars for each violation;

(b) Order that the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker is not eligible to bid for or participate in any future state contract for a period of up to two years.

(2) The court shall provide a copy of an order issued under division (B)(1) of this section to the director of administrative services.

(3) After the period of disqualification described in division (B)(1)(b) of this section has elapsed, a contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker that has been ordered ineligible may be eligible to bid for and participate in state contracts if the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker files a sworn affidavit with the director that the period of disqualification has elapsed and that the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker has not violated section 4151.02 or 4151.03 of the Revised Code during that period.

(C)(1) The director shall maintain a list of all contractors, subcontractors, and labor brokers

ineligible to bid for or participate in any state contract for a period of two years under division (B)(1)(b) of this section. Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the director shall remove a contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker from the list when the two-year period ends. The director also shall maintain a record of all affidavits filed with the director under division (B)(3) of this section.

(2) The director shall not remove a contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker from the list maintained under division (C)(1) of this section if the contractor, subcontractor, or labor broker has not paid a fine ordered under this section.

(D) The e-verify enforcement fund is created in the state treasury. Fines collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. The attorney general shall use the fund to administer and enforce this chapter.