Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/24/03 S3/26/03	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2003		SENATE BILL 724
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5	By: Senator Madison		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALIES AND SANITATION		
10	AUTHORITIES TO ENTER INTO DESIGN-BUILD-OPERATE		
11	CONTRAC	CTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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15	TO A	ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES AND SANITATION	
16	AUTH	HORITIES TO ENTER INTO DESIGN-BUILD-	
17	OPER	RATE CONTRACTS.	
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	ANSAS:
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21	SECTION 1. Arka	ansas Code 22-9-203, concerning publi	ic improvement award
22	procedures, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:		
23	(j)(1) Not with	hstanding any other provision of law	to the contrary,
24	any municipality or sa	anitation authority may enter into co	ontracts with
25	private persons, firms	s, associations, corporations, joint	ventures, or other
26	legal entity, including	ng a combination of any of those enti	ities, to provide
27	for the design, build:	ing, operation and maintenance of all	l or any portion of
28	its wastewater treatme	ent system, storm-water treatment sys	stem, or water
29	treatment system, or a	any combination of those systems.	
30	<u>(2)</u> The o	contracts may include provisions for	the design,
31	financing, construction	on, repair, reconditioning, replaceme	ent, operation and
32	maintenance of the sys	stem, or any combination of such serv	vices and functions.
33	<u>(3)</u> Prior	r to entering into a contract under t	this section, the
34	governing authority shall solicit qualifications-based competitive sealed		
35	proposals.		
36	(4) The s	governing authority shall first estab	olish criteria for

1	evaluation of any entity submitting proposals on the contracts for the
2	purpose of assisting the governing authority in making a review of the
3	entity's previous performance on projects of comparable nature and magnitude
4	and the environmental compliance record of the entity during the five (5)
5	years immediately preceding the execution of the contract.
6	(5) The governing authority shall take into consideration the
7	information to assist in determining the eligibility of any entity.
8	(6) The award of a contract under this section shall be made to
9	the responsible and responsive entity whose proposal is determined in writing
10	to be the most advantageous to the governmental authority, taking into
11	consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals.
12	(7) The governing authority of the municipality or the
13	sanitation authority shall employ an appropriate license professional who is
14	independent of the contractor to monitor and perform an independent review
15	and inspection of the design-build-operate-maintenance contract, or any part
16	thereof, during its performance.
17	/s/ Madison
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