

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 925

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5 By: Senator Altes
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE ALTERNATIVE NEGOTIATED
10 PURCHASING FOR MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 PURCHASING FOR MUNICIPALITIES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 58 is amended to add an
21 additional subchapter to read as follows:

22 14-58-1001. Projects exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

23 (a) In the event funds from any sources for a municipal project exceed
24 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), excluding the cost of land, the
25 provisions of this subchapter and all other provisions of the Arkansas Code
26 governing construction of public facilities, including, but not limited to,
27 the provisions of §§ 22-9-201 through 22-9-213 at the election of
28 municipalities shall not be applicable to the projects if the selection and
29 contracting process set forth in this section is followed.

30 (b)(1) The selection procedures for the construction manager, general
31 contractor, architect, or engineer shall provide for solicitation for
32 qualified, licensed professionals to submit proposals.

33 (2) The procedures shall assure the design and completion of the
34 project in an expeditious manner while adhering to high standards of design
35 and construction quality.

36 (3) The municipality shall:



1 (A) Publish notice of its intention to receive written
2 proposals three (3) consecutive days in a newspaper of local distribution;

3 (B) Allow a minimum of ten (10) working days from the
4 first date of publication for the professionals to send letters or resumes in
5 response to the newspaper advertisement; and

6 (C) Provide additional means of notification, if any, as
7 the municipality shall determine is appropriate.

8 (c)(1)(A) A preselection committee, which shall be composed of at
9 least three (3) members from the municipality, shall review the proposals.

10 (B) The preselection committee shall select a maximum of
11 five (5) applicants and schedule interviews.

12 (C) The municipality shall notify the finalists of their
13 status.

14 (2)(A) The final selection committee shall be composed of the
15 members on the preselection committee.

16 (B) The final interviews shall be held at the time and
17 date as designated by the final selection committee.

18 (C) In selecting a general contractor, construction
19 manager, architect, or engineer, the municipality shall consider their
20 established criteria which shall include, but are not limited to, the
21 following:

22 (i) The experience of the professional or
23 professionals in similar projects;

24 (ii) The record of the professional or professionals
25 in timely completion of the projects with high quality workmanship; and

26 (iii) Other similar matters to determine that the
27 professional or professionals will complete the project within the time and
28 budget and to the specifications set by the municipality.

29 (3)(A) The final selection committee shall make a formal
30 recommendation to its governing body of the professional or professionals
31 which it determines to be in the best interest of the municipality.

32 (B) Contracts for architectural, engineering, and land
33 surveying professional consultant services shall be negotiated on the basis
34 of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of services
35 required and at fair and reasonable prices without the use of competitive
36 bidding, and no rule or regulation shall inhibit the municipality's authority

1 to negotiate fees for the services.

2 (d)(1) Construction contracts for the projects shall not be entered
 3 into without a payment and performance bond in the amount of the contract and
 4 any amendments thereto and shall provide for the manner in which the
 5 construction shall be managed and supervised.

6 (2) All project architects and engineers shall be properly
 7 licensed in accordance with the Arkansas State Board of Architects and the
 8 Arkansas State Board of Engineers.

9 (3) The construction manager or general contractor shall be
 10 properly licensed by the Contractors Licensing Board.

11 (4)(A) All subcontractors on the project shall be properly
 12 licensed by the Contractors Licensing Board.

13 (B) Any person who is not considered a contractor under §§
 14 17-25-101 through 17-25-105 may continue to perform subcontracting work under
 15 the provisions of this subchapter.

16 (e) The funds may be represented in whole or in part by a written
 17 pledge or commitment from a donor, provided that the municipality shall
 18 assure itself of the financial stability of the donor to fulfill the pledge
 19 or commitment.

20 (f)(1) All projects constructed pursuant to this section, to the
 21 extent applicable, shall be in accordance and compliance with:

22 (A) Sections 17-38-101 through 17-38-105 regulating
 23 plumbers;

24 (B) Sections 17-33-101 through 17-33-106 regulating the
 25 heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry;

26 (C) The Fire Prevention Act, § 12-13-101 et seq.;

27 (D) Sections 12-80-101 through 12-80-107 regarding
 28 earthquake resistant design for public structure;

29 (E) Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility
 30 Guidelines, 28 C.F.R. pt. 36, App. A, adopted by the authority; and

31 (F) The minimum standards of the authority and criteria
 32 pertaining to projects constructed under this section.

33 (2) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary,
 34 the provisions of §§ 19-11-801, 22-9-101, 22-9-103, 22-9-104, 22-9-213, §§
 35 22-9-301 through 22-9-315, §§ 22-9-401 through 22-9-405, §§ 22-9-501 through
 36 22-9-505, §§ 22-9-601 through 22-9-604, §§ 22-9-701 through 22-9-702, and all

1 competitive bidding statutes shall remain in full force and effect and not be
2 affected hereby.

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