
HOUSE BILL 1581

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By Representative Miloscia

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1 AN ACT Relating to altering the architects and engineers bidding
2 process to include price; amending RCW 39.80.040; and repealing RCW
3 39.80.050.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.80.040 and 1981 c 61 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In the procurement of architectural and engineering services, the
8 agency shall encourage firms engaged in the lawful practice of their
9 profession to submit annually a statement of qualifications and
10 performance data. The agency shall evaluate current statements of
11 qualifications and performance data on file with the agency, together
12 with those that may be submitted by other firms regarding the proposed
13 project, and shall conduct discussions with one or more firms regarding
14 anticipated concepts and the relative utility of alternative methods of
15 approach for furnishing the required services and then shall select
16 therefrom, based upon criteria established by the agency(~~(, the firm~~
17 ~~deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required~~
18 ~~for the proposed project)~~). Criteria established by the agency shall
19 include, but not be limited to: Professional competence for the type

1 of services to be performed; technical merits of the offered services;
2 financial capability of the applicant to perform the specified work;
3 and the cost, price, and compensation or consideration to be paid by
4 the agency for such services. Such agency procedures and guidelines
5 shall include a plan to insure that minority and women-owned firms are
6 afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for and obtain
7 public contracts for services. The level of participation by minority
8 and women-owned firms shall be consistent with their general
9 availability within the professional communities involved.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 39.80.050 and 1981 c 61 s 5 are each
11 repealed.

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