
Capital Budget Committee

HB 1571

Brief Description: Naming of subcontractors by prime contract bidders on public works contracts.

Sponsors: Representatives Ormsby, Gregerson, Chapman, Pellicciotti, Doglio, Sells, Ramos, Valdez and Jinkins.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires bid documents for public works projects over \$1 million to include names of all subcontractors.

Hearing Date: 1/29/19

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115).

Background:

The term "public works" refers to all work, construction, repair, or improvement other than ordinary maintenance performed by a municipality. A municipality includes cities, towns, port districts, public institutions of higher education, and any other public body authorized to execute public works. Most public works projects require a bidding process that awards the contract to the low responsive bidder. Competitive bids are required except for certain conditions including an emergency. The bidding process allows for a prime contractor to provide bids for a specific scope of work. Before the award of the contract, the prime contract bidder must submit statements that they are in compliance with responsible bidder criteria.

For public works projects over \$1 million, the prime contractor awarded the bid must also provide names of subcontractors that will perform: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; plumbing; and electrical work. If the prime contractor submits more than one subcontractor listed for each category of work, or fails to list subcontractors, then the prime contract bidder is considered nonresponsive and their bid is void.

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Summary of Bill:

The prime contractor must list the subcontractor for any work that will be provided by a subcontractor that is required to be registered for that specific work category.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 1/15/19.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.