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3 By Senator Dial
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 41-16-20, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 relating to competitive bidding on contracts of higher
7 education institutions to increase the minimum amount of
8 contracts subject to competitive bid from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 41-16-20 of the Code of Alabama
11 1975, is amended to read as follows:

12 "§41-16-20.

13 "(a) With the exception of contracts for public
14 works whose competitive bidding requirements are governed
15 exclusively by Title 39, all contracts of whatever nature for
16 labor, services, work, or for the purchase or lease of
17 materials, equipment, supplies, other personal property or
18 other nonprofessional services, involving fifteen thousand
19 dollars (\$15,000) or more, made by or on behalf of any state
20 department, board, bureau, commission, committee, institution,
21 corporation, authority, or office shall, except as otherwise
22 provided in this article, be let by free and open competitive
23 bidding, on sealed bids, to the lowest responsible bidder.

1 "(b) A "preferred vendor" shall be a person, firm,
2 or corporation which is granted preference priority according
3 to the following:

4 "(1) PRIORITY #1. Produces or manufactures the
5 product within the state.

6 "(2) PRIORITY #2. Has an assembly plant or
7 distribution facility for the product within the state.

8 "(3) PRIORITY #3. Is organized for business under
9 the applicable laws of the state as a corporation,
10 partnership, or professional association and has maintained at
11 least one retail outlet or service center for the product or
12 service within the state for not less than one year prior to
13 the deadline date for the competitive bid.

14 "(c) In the event a bid is received for the product
15 or service from a person, firm, or corporation deemed to be a
16 responsible bidder and a preferred vendor where any state
17 higher education institution, department, board, bureau,
18 commission, committee, institution, corporation, authority, or
19 office is the awarding authority and the bid is no more than
20 five percent greater than the bid of the lowest responsible
21 bidder, the awarding authority may award the contract to the
22 preferred vendor."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of
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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Passed: 10-MAY-12

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