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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1019

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 36-1-12-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2015, SECTION 263, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) The board may purchase or lease materials in the manner provided in IC 5-22 and perform any public work, by means of its own workforce, without awarding a contract whenever the cost of that public work project is estimated to be less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). Before a board may perform any work under this section by means of its own workforce, the political subdivision or agency must have a group of employees on its staff who are capable of performing the construction, maintenance, and repair applicable to that work. For purposes of this subsection, the cost of a public work project includes:

- (1) the actual cost of materials, labor, equipment, and rental;
- (2) a reasonable rate for use of trucks and heavy equipment owned; and
- (3) all other expenses incidental to the performance of the project.

(b) This subsection applies only to a municipality or a county. The workforce of a municipality or county may perform a public work described in subsection (a) only if:

- (1) the workforce, through demonstrated skills, training, or expertise, is capable of performing the public work; and
- (2) for a public work project under subsection (a) whose cost is

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estimated to be more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the board:

- (A) publishes a notice under IC 5-3-1 that:
 - (i) describes the public work that the board intends to perform with its own workforce; and
 - (ii) sets forth the projected cost of each component of the public work as described in subsection (a); and
- (B) determines at a public meeting that it is in the public interest to perform the public work with the board's own workforce.

A public work project performed by a board's own workforce must be inspected and accepted as complete in the same manner as a public work project performed under a contract awarded after receiving bids.

(c) When the project involves the rental of equipment with an operator furnished by the owner, or the installation or application of materials by the supplier of the materials, the project is considered to be a public work project and subject to this chapter. However, an annual contract may be awarded for equipment rental and materials to be installed or applied during a calendar or fiscal year if the proposed project or projects are described in the bid specifications.

(d) A board of aviation commissioners or an airport authority board may purchase or lease materials in the manner provided in IC 5-22 and perform any public work by means of its own workforce and owned or leased equipment, in the construction, maintenance, and repair of any airport roadway, runway, taxiway, or aircraft parking apron whenever the cost of that public work project is estimated to be less than one hundred **fifty** thousand dollars (~~\$100,000~~). **(\$150,000)**.

(e) Municipal and county hospitals must comply with this chapter for all contracts for public work that are financed in whole or in part with cumulative building fund revenue, as provided in section 1(c) of this chapter. However, if the cost of the public work is estimated to be less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), as reflected in the board minutes, the hospital board may have the public work done without receiving bids, by purchasing the materials and performing the work by means of its own workforce and owned or leased equipment.

(f) If a public works project involves a structure, an improvement, or a facility under the control of a department (as defined in IC 4-3-19-2(2)), the department may not artificially divide the project to bring any part of the project under this section.

SECTION 2. IC 36-1-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.67-2012, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies whenever the cost of a

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public work project will be

(1) ~~except as provided in subdivision (2), at least one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). or~~

(2) ~~in the case of a board of aviation commissioners or an airport authority board, at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).~~

(b) The board must comply with the following procedure:

(1) The board shall prepare general plans and specifications describing the kind of public work required, but shall avoid specifications which might unduly limit competition. If the project involves the resurfacing (as defined by IC 8-14-2-1) of a road, street, or bridge, the specifications must show how the weight or volume of the materials will be accurately measured and verified.

(2) The board shall file the plans and specifications in a place reasonably accessible to the public, which shall be specified in the notice required by subdivision (3).

(3) Upon the filing of the plans and specifications, the board shall publish notice in accordance with IC 5-3-1 calling for sealed proposals for the public work needed.

(4) The notice must specify the place where the plans and specifications are on file and the date fixed for receiving bids.

(5) The period of time between the date of the first publication and the date of receiving bids shall be governed by the size of the contemplated project in the discretion of the board. The period of time between the date of the first publication and receiving bids may not be more than:

(A) six (6) weeks if the estimated cost of the public works project is less than twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000); and

(B) ten (10) weeks if the estimated cost of the public works project is at least twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000).

(6) The board shall require the bidder to submit a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the public work, and the equipment that the bidder has available for the performance of the public work. The statement shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the state board of accounts.

(7) The board may not require a bidder to submit a bid before the meeting at which bids are to be received. The meeting for receiving bids must be open to the public. All bids received shall be opened publicly and read aloud at the time and place designated and not before. Notwithstanding any other law, bids

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may be opened after the time designated if both of the following apply:

- (A) The board makes a written determination that it is in the best interest of the board to delay the opening.
 - (B) The day, time, and place of the rescheduled opening are announced at the day, time, and place of the originally scheduled opening.
- (8) Except as provided in subsection (c), the board shall:
- (A) award the contract for public work or improvements to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; or
 - (B) reject all bids submitted.
- (9) If the board awards the contract to a bidder other than the lowest bidder, the board must state in the minutes or memoranda, at the time the award is made, the factors used to determine which bidder is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and to justify the award. The board shall keep a copy of the minutes or memoranda available for public inspection.
- (10) In determining whether a bidder is responsive, the board may consider the following factors:
- (A) Whether the bidder has submitted a bid or quote that conforms in all material respects to the specifications.
 - (B) Whether the bidder has submitted a bid that complies specifically with the invitation to bid and the instructions to bidders.
 - (C) Whether the bidder has complied with all applicable statutes, ordinances, resolutions, or rules pertaining to the award of a public contract.
- (11) In determining whether a bidder is a responsible bidder, the board may consider the following factors:
- (A) The ability and capacity of the bidder to perform the work.
 - (B) The integrity, character, and reputation of the bidder.
 - (C) The competence and experience of the bidder.
- (12) The board shall require the bidder to submit an affidavit:
- (A) that the bidder has not entered into a combination or agreement:
 - (i) relative to the price to be bid by a person;
 - (ii) to prevent a person from bidding; or
 - (iii) to induce a person to refrain from bidding; and
 - (B) that the bidder's bid is made without reference to any other bid.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(8), a county may award sand, gravel, asphalt paving materials, or crushed stone contracts to more

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than one (1) responsible and responsive bidder if the specifications allow for bids to be based upon service to specific geographic areas and the contracts are awarded by geographic area. The geographic areas do not need to be described in the specifications.

SECTION 3. IC 36-1-12-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.67-2012, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4.7. (a) This section applies whenever a public work project is estimated to cost

~~(1) except as provided in subdivision (2);~~ at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). ~~or~~

~~(2) in the case of a board of aviation commissioners or an airport authority board; at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).~~

(b) The board must proceed under the following provisions:

(1) The board shall invite quotes from at least three (3) persons known to deal in the class of work proposed to be done by mailing them a notice stating that plans and specifications are on file in a specified office. The notice must be mailed not less than seven (7) days before the time fixed for receiving quotes.

(2) The board may not require a person to submit a quote before the meeting at which quotes are to be received. The meeting for receiving quotes must be open to the public. All quotes received shall be opened publicly and read aloud at the time and place designated and not before.

(3) The board shall award the contract for the public work to the lowest responsible and responsive quoter.

(4) The board may reject all quotes submitted.

SECTION 4. IC 36-9-27-79.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 79.1. Notwithstanding sections 77 and 78 of this chapter, the following provisions apply whenever the board estimates that the amount of the contracts to be let is not more than ~~seventy-five~~ **one hundred fifty** thousand dollars ~~(\$75,000); (\$150,000):~~

(1) The board need not advertise in the manner provided by section 78 of this chapter. If the board does not advertise, it shall mail written invitations for bids to at least three (3) persons believed to be interested in bidding on the work. The invitations shall be mailed at least seven (7) days before the date the board will receive bids, and must state the nature of the contracts to be let and the date, time, and place bids will be received.

(2) The board may authorize the county surveyor to contract for

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the work in the name of the board.

(3) The contracts may be for a stated sum or may be for a variable sum based on per unit prices or on the hiring of labor and the purchase of material.

(4) The contracts shall be let in accordance with the statutes governing public purchase, including IC 5-22.

(5) The board may for good cause waive any requirement for the furnishing by the bidder of a bid bond or surety and the furnishing by a successful bidder of a performance bond.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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