House Bill 3159

Sponsored by Representatives CANNON, ESQUIVEL; Representative SCHAUFLER

SUMMARY

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Permits contracting agency that uses public funds to procure goods or services under Public Contracting Code to give preference to bidder or proposer that is headquartered or owned locally, will obtain equipment, material and supplies locally or will employ workers locally. Permits contracting agency to give preference if difference in price between bid or proposal that is eligible for preference and bid or proposal that would not be eligible for preference is not more than five percent.

Becomes operative on January 1, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to public contracting; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 279A.

 SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "locally" means in the county in which the work described in an invitation to bid or a request for proposals will be performed or in an adjacent county.
 - (2) A bidder or proposer that submits a bid or proposal for a public contract shall submit with the bid or proposal a personnel deployment disclosure and a supply source disclosure. The disclosures must state:
 - (a) The number of workers that the bidder or proposer and the bidder's or proposer's first-tier subcontractors plan to deploy to perform the work described in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals;
 - (b) The minimum number of workers that the bidder or proposer and the bidder's or proposer's first-tier subcontractors will employ locally and elsewhere within this state;
 - (c) Whether the bidder or proposer is headquartered or owned locally;
 - (d) The sources that the bidder or proposer and the bidder's or proposer's first-tier subcontractors intend to use for equipment, material and supplies; and
 - (e) Whether the sources that the bidder or proposer intends to use for equipment, material and supplies are headquartered or owned locally.
 - (3)(a) Notwithstanding provisions of law requiring a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation, a contracting agency that uses public funds to procure goods or services under the Public Contracting Code may give preference to a bidder or proposer that in a personnel deployment disclosure and a supply source disclosure indicates that the bidder or proposer is headquartered or owned locally, will obtain equipment, material and supplies locally or will employ workers locally.
 - (b) The contracting agency may give the preference described in paragraph (a) of this

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subsection to a bidder or proposer that is otherwise responsible, has submitted a responsive bid or proposal and meets the qualifications described in paragraph (a) of this subsection if the difference in price between the bid or proposal that is eligible for the preference and a bid or proposal that would not be eligible for the preference is not more than five percent.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2011 Act applies to a contract that a contracting agency first advertises or otherwise solicits on or after the operative date set forth in section 4 of this 2011 Act or, if the contracting agency does not advertise or solicit the contract, to a contract that the contracting agency enters into on or after the operative date set forth in section 4 of this 2011 Act.

SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2011 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2012.

(2) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Attorney General or a contracting agency that adopts rules under ORS 279A.065 may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the director, the Attorney General or the contracting agency to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the director, the Attorney General or the contracting agency by section 2 of this 2011 Act.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.