

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB3494

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Paul Jacobs

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1022

from Ch. 34, par. 5-1022

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that any purchase by a county with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants of services, materials, equipment or supplies in excess of \$50,000 (rather than \$30,000), other than professional services, shall be let by competitive bidding or, for an emergency, let without advertising for bids by the county board. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 5-1022 as follows:
- 6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1022) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1022)
- 7 Sec. 5-1022. Competitive bids.
- 8 (a) Any purchase by a county with fewer than 2,000,000 9 inhabitants of services, materials, equipment or supplies in 10 excess of \$50,000 \frac{\$30,000}{0}, other than professional services,
- shall be contracted for in one of the following ways:
- 12 (1) by a contract let to the lowest responsible bidder
  13 after advertising for bids in a newspaper published within
  14 the county or, if no newspaper is published within the
  15 county, then a newspaper having general circulation within
- 16 the county; or
- 17 (2) by a contract let without advertising for bids in 18 the case of an emergency if authorized by the county
- 19 board.
- 20 (b) In determining the lowest responsible bidder, the 21 county board shall take into consideration the qualities of 22 the articles supplied; their conformity with the 23 specifications; their suitability to the requirements of the

- county, availability of support services; uniqueness of the service, materials, equipment, or supplies as it applies to networked, integrated computer systems; compatibility to existing equipment; and the delivery terms. The county board also may take into consideration whether a bidder is a private enterprise or a State-controlled enterprise and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or a lower bid by a State-controlled enterprise, may let a contract to the lowest responsible bidder that is a private enterprise.
- (c) This Section does not apply to contracts by a county with the federal government or to purchases of used equipment, purchases at auction or similar transactions which by their very nature are not suitable to competitive bids, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the county board.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a county may let without advertising for bids in the case of purchases and contracts, when individual orders do not exceed \$35,000, for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services.
- (e) A county may require, as a condition of any contract for goods and services, that persons awarded a contract with the county and all affiliates of the person collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with the provisions

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1 of the Illinois Use Tax Act regardless of whether the person or 2 affiliate is a "retailer maintaining a place of business within this State" as defined in Section 2 of the Use Tax Act. 3 For purposes of this subsection (e), the term "affiliate" 5 any entity that (1)directly, indirectly, constructively controls another entity, (2) 6 is directly, 7 indirectly, or constructively controlled by another entity, or 8 (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. For purposes 9 of this subsection (e), an entity controls another entity if 10 it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of the voting 11 securities of that entity. As used in this subsection (e), the 12 term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the 13 14 board of directors or similar governing body of the business 15 or (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive 16 upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to 17 vote. A general partnership interest is a voting security.

- (f) Bids submitted to, and contracts executed by, the county may require a certification by the bidder or contractor that the bidder or contractor is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under this Section and that the bidder or contractor acknowledges that the county may declare the contract void if the certification completed pursuant to this subsection (f) is false.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-170, eff. 1-1-10.)
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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becoming law.