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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Illinois is home to nearly 23,000 thousand  
3 licensed engineers and surveyors and hundreds of companies  
4 that employ them, and Illinoisans rely on these licensed  
5 professionals to protect the public health, life, and safety;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Engineers serve as the backbone of our public  
8 infrastructure, protecting our drinking water and ensuring  
9 that our buildings are safe and our roadways and bridges are  
10 secure; and

11           WHEREAS, Illinois has set it to be the law of the land to  
12 utilize qualifications first when determining which  
13 professionals and firms should provide these critical services  
14 to our citizens; and

15           WHEREAS, The Qualifications-Based Selection process  
16 outperforms the national performance in cost growth (3% growth  
17 versus 6% growth) and in schedule growth (7% growth versus 10%  
18 growth); based on the analysis of the projects in a recent  
19 study, there is a strong association between the use of  
20 Qualifications-Based Selection and the quality of construction  
21 documents developed by the design team and the final cost and  
22 schedule performance; and

1           WHEREAS, While there are specific value-added benefits  
2 from the application of Qualifications-Based Selection  
3 procurement methods to all projects, the advantage, in  
4 addition to cost and schedule savings, is particularly evident  
5 for complex projects; these are projects that can especially  
6 benefit from experienced and stable design teams comprised of  
7 high-quality providers; complexity can emerge from numerous  
8 points in a project, including community engagement, political  
9 or social sensitivities, technical challenges in design or in  
10 constructions, or management and collaboration of project  
11 participants; and

12           WHEREAS, From the agency-client perspective,  
13 Qualifications-Based Selection projects achieve a greater  
14 degree of consistency in terms of project success than  
15 non-Qualifications-Based Selection projects; and

16           WHEREAS, Qualifications-Based Selection leads to increased  
17 innovation on projects; innovation is a cornerstone of  
18 advancing project solutions and developing better solutions  
19 for clients; innovation can occur on projects of any size or in  
20 any sector; a recent study found that projects incorporating  
21 Qualifications-Based Selection have a greater likelihood of  
22 producing innovative solutions; this is often based on firms  
23 having greater opportunities to explore innovations and

1 collaborations when cost is not the driving factor in design  
2 team selection; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the  
4 Illinois Department of Transportation, the Capital Development  
5 Board, and hundreds of county and municipal governments all  
6 utilize Qualifications-Based Selection to ensure the highest  
7 quality of design and construction and to deliver their  
8 programs on-time and on-budget; and

9 WHEREAS, Qualifications-Based Selection is proven to  
10 develop more diverse engineering teams and provide greater  
11 opportunity to diverse companies; and

12 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of Illinois to  
13 maintain the integrity of these essential professions;  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we hereby re-affirm the long-standing policy of the State of  
18 Illinois to rely on qualifications first when determining  
19 which professionals and firms provide these critical services  
20 to our citizens.