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Abstract: Establishes methods of procurement for all port commissions and port, harbor, and terminal districts to purchase port-related container cranes and replacement parts and specifies requirements for requests for qualifications and requests for proposals.

Proposed law authorizes all port commissions and port, harbor, and terminal districts to purchase port-related container cranes and any replacement parts through a request for proposals.

Proposed law requires that specifications for the container cranes or replacement parts be prepared in advance and designate the specific class of any container crane and replacement part desired and authorizes the specifications to include requested or alternative features associated with the specified class. Also authorizes the specifications to include requirements for maintenance of the container crane or any replacement part if desired.

Proposed law authorizes the commission or district to pre-qualify bidders for the procurement of any container crane or replacement part and requires that the commission or district publish a notice of the request for qualifications at least 25 days prior to the date scheduled for opening the request for qualifications to bidders. Also requires that the notice and all procedures for the pre-qualification be published on the website of the commission or district that is available to the general public.

Proposed law provides for the mailing or emailing of written notice of the request for qualifications to firms that are known to be in a position to furnish container cranes and replacement parts.

Proposed law specifies that if the commission or district chooses to pre-qualify bidders, only pre-qualified bidders may submit bids on the designated purchase contract.

Proposed law specifies that if pre-qualification procedures are not used, then public notice of the request for proposals is required and must be given in the same manner as the public notice of request for qualifications.

Proposed law requires that a request for proposals be mailed or emailed to all pre-qualified firms and include the following:

- (1) The relative importance of price and warranties.
- (2) The tasks expected to be performed pursuant to the contract.

- (3) The functional specifications of the crane or any replacement parts.
- (4) The expected time frame within which a container crane will be delivered or the replacement parts provided.
- (5) The criteria that will be used and the factors that will be considered when evaluating the proposals.

Proposed law authorizes the commission or district to negotiate the price, conditions, and terms of the purchase contract with any bidder who submits a proposal and requires an award be made, in writing, to the bidder whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous by the governing authority of the commission or district.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of the commission or district to reject all proposals when it is deemed that such action is in the best interest of the commission, district, or local governmental entity.

Proposed law defines "container crane" as a large gantry crane located at container terminals for loading and unloading intermodal containers and includes ship-to-shore cranes and rubber tire gantry cranes.

Proposed law provides for financing terms and conditions of the procurement to be agreed upon by the commission or district and the crane or replacement parts provider.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of the commission or district to develop and adopt any guidelines, rules, or regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of proposed law.

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