

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law establishes a policy for the state, its political subdivisions, and its agencies to select architectural and engineering professional services based on competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price.

Existing law provides that the state and its political subdivisions or agencies cannot select architects, engineers, landscape architects, and land surveyors using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection.

New law requires that a political subdivision or agency negotiate a contract for professional services at a compensation rate the agency head determines is fair and reasonable with the selected firm and if it cannot negotiate a contract with that selected firm, it should begin negotiating with the next selected firm and repeat until a contract is successfully negotiated.

Existing law excludes certain contracts that are authorized under existing law.

New law retains existing law exclusions.

Existing law requires records defined by existing law dealing with the selection of architectural and engineering services to be public records.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 38:2318.1)