
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes local governmental subdivisions to purchase materials, equipment, and supplies through qualified group purchasing organizations using binding price lists with limited public disclosure. Requires group purchasing organizations to submit price lists valid for a specified period and deems such lists as binding bids with limited confidentiality until incorporated into a contract and made public.

Proposed law authorizes local governments to use group purchasing organizations (GPOs) for materials, equipment, supplies, and installation. Requires the GPO to submit a price list and maintain those prices for at least three months and for those prices to be deemed a valid and binding bid.

Proposed law prohibits the price lists from being considered public records, but provides that the portion of the price list incorporated into a contract becomes a public record upon bid opening or contract execution.

Proposed law defines “qualified group purchasing organization” as an organization of which two or more of the local governmental subdivisions are participating or voting members and which solicit proposals or bids from vendors of materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may be purchased by any such department, agency, or nonprofit corporation. Includes an external procurement activity as defined in present law (R.S. 39:1556).

Proposed law authorizes local governments to purchase through a qualified GPO when the price is lower than state contract pricing or when the item is not available on the state bid list. Prohibits purchases through non-qualified entities without using other state procurement processes.

(Adds R.S. 38:2212.1(Q))