

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 692

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROUSSARD

PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Provides relative to local government subdivisions entering into an agreement with group purchasing organizations

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:2212.1(Q), relative to local governmental subdivision agreements with
3 qualified group purchasing organizations; to provide for definitions; to authorize
4 local governmental subdivisions to purchase materials, equipment, or supplies
5 through qualified group purchasing organizations under certain circumstances; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212.1(Q) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2212.1. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; materials and
10 supplies; exemptions

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12 Q.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law contained in this Part to the
13 contrary, any local government subdivision, as defined in Article VI, Section 44(1)
14 of the Constitution of Louisiana, may enter into an agreement with one or more
15 qualified group purchasing organizations for the purchase of materials, equipment,
16 or supplies, including any related installation. Any such agreement shall require the
17 qualified group purchasing organization to submit a price list for materials,
18 equipment, or supplies that it offers. The prices quoted on the list shall remain in
19 effect for not less than three months. Any such price list shall be considered to be

1 a valid and binding bid by the qualified group purchasing organization during the
2 effective period of the agreement, and no additional bid by the qualified group
3 purchasing organization is necessary.

4 (2) The price list submitted by a qualified group purchasing organization is
5 not a public record and shall not be available for public inspection. The agreement
6 establishing the price list and its effective date is, however, a public record, and that
7 portion of the price list establishing the price of the materials, equipment, or supplies
8 being purchased shall become a public record at the time of opening of bids or upon
9 the execution of a contract for the purchase of materials, equipment, or supplies.

10 (3) As used in this Subsection, "qualified group purchasing organization"
11 means an organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, of which two or more of
12 the local governmental subdivisions as described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
13 are participating or voting members thereof and which solicit proposals or bids from
14 vendors of materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may be
15 purchased by any such department, agency, or nonprofit corporation. A "qualified
16 group purchasing organization" includes an external procurement activity as defined
17 in R.S. 39:1556.

18 (4) Furthermore, any local governmental subdivision may purchase
19 materials, equipment, or supplies directly from or through a qualified group
20 purchasing organization if either the price is less than that for the same or
21 substantially similar materials, equipment, or supplies on the state contract or bid list
22 or if the same or substantially similar materials, equipment, or supplies are not under
23 state contract or on the state bid list. Nothing contained in this Subsection shall be
24 construed to authorize a local governmental subdivision to purchase materials,
25 equipment, or supplies from or through an entity or vendor other than a qualified
26 group purchasing organization as defined in this Subsection without using a
27 procurement process otherwise provided by state law.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes local governmental subdivisions to purchase materials, equipment, or 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, or supplies, or associated installations. 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.