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HOUSE BILL NO. 540

BY REPRESENTATIVE AUBERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENGINEERS: Allows for the Small Engineering Consultant Program within DOTD to be open to certain businesses

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:292.1(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a), relative to the Small Engineering Consultant Program; restricts participation in the program to certain engineering consultant firms; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:292.1(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§292.1. Small Engineering Consultant Program

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C.(1) Engineering consultants interested in participating in the program shall annually apply for prequalification. Only a small engineering consultant whose firm meets the <u>following</u> qualifications provided by this Paragraph at the time of application may participate in the program:

(a) It has been in business for ~~a continuous period of at least three~~ <u>less than two</u> years.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Restricts participation in the Small Engineering Consultant Program to engineering consultant firms that have been in business for less than two years.

Present law provides that engineering consultants interested in participating in the "Small Engineering Consultant Program" shall annually apply for prequalification. Further provides that only a small engineering consultant whose firm meets the following qualifications may participate in the program:

(1) It has been in business for a continuous period of at least three years.

(2) It is registered and in satisfactory standing with the La. secretary of state as provided by law.

(3) It is licensed by the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.

(4) It employs at least one employee who will be in responsible charge of engineering work and who is properly licensed by the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.

(5) It employs the equivalent of no more than three professional engineers, including professional engineers employed on a part-time basis.

(6) It has not been competitively selected by the department for preconstruction engineering work within the three years previous to the date of the application for the program.

Proposed law retains present law except that it restricts participation in the program to firms that have been in business for less than two years rather than for a continuous period of three years.

(Amends R.S. 48:292.1(C)(1)(intro. para.) and (a))

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