DIGEST

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Aubert HB No. 540

**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))