

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS. Revises public bid provisions.

DIGEST

Present law requires the public bid form for public works projects to be developed by the division of administration, office of facility planning and control, to require a "bid total".

Proposed law changes present law to a requirement for a "base bid".

Proposed law prohibits unit prices from being used for the construction of a building project, unless the unit price is incorporated into the "base bid".

Present law requires that other documentation and information required for submitting a public bid shall be furnished by all bidders at a later date and time, in accordance with the bidding documents.

Proposed law deletes current law and requires that other documentation and information required for submitting a public bid shall be furnished by the two lowest bidders within 3 days after the bid opening. This requirement cannot be altered or waived by any public entity.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b)(ii)(aa) and (bb) and (3)(c)(ii))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Present law required the bid form to require alternates. Restored requirement.
2. Provided that unit prices shall not be utilized for the construction of a building unless the unit price is incorporated into the bid total.
3. Other documentation and information required to be submitted by the low bidder shall be furnished within 10 days after the bid opening rather than 10 days after the bid opening.
4. The 10-day period for the low bidder submitting other documentation shall not be altered or waived by any public entity.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill.

1. Requires documentation and information to be furnished by the two lowest bidders, instead of just the low bidder, and changes the time in which such documentation and information must be submitted from 5 days to 3-days.
2. Deletes authorization for unit prices to be used in bid specifications for a public work which is not a building.