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DIGEST

Present law provides that certain public entities may utilize the design-build method in the construction or repair of any public building or structure which has been destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, or both. Further provides that the design-build method may be used for any public building or structure to be constructed or repaired to meet a homeland security or criminal justice need pursuant to a hurricane recovery plan.

Present law identifies the public entities authorized to use the design-build method as: the division of administration, the Recovery School District, the city of New Orleans, sheriffs, housing authorities, and parish governments in Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Vermilion parishes and the Port of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans as a public entity authorized to use the design-build method.

Present law provides that this authorization shall extend for 5 years from July 10, 2007, after which time only those projects that were contracted for prior to that date may proceed.

Proposed law changes the length of authorization from 5 years to 8 years and retains further provisions of present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 38:2225.2.1(A)(1) and (3))