Existing law requires DOTD to give reasonable notice when a purchase exceeds $25,000 through the chief purchasing agent by advertising and by written notice mailed to persons who furnish the class of commodities involved or give notice sent through an electronic interactive environment to persons who furnish the class of commodities involved.

New law authorizes DOTD to give reasonable notice when a purchase exceeds $25,000 through the chief purchasing agent to persons who furnish the class of commodities involved by either a written notice mailed to the persons or a notice sent through an electronic interactive environment to the persons.

New law authorizes the department to allow small purchase bids when the amount exceeds $25,000 or a higher dollar amount provided by the governor's most current and effective executive order, whichever dollar amount is higher.

Existing law provides requests for bids shall be published not less than ten days prior to the date set for opening the bids.

Existing law prohibits the practice of dividing proposed or needed purchases into separate installments of less than twenty-five thousand dollars each.

New law retains existing law and creates a prohibition of dividing proposed or needed purchases into separate installments of the dollar amount set by the governor's most recent and effective executive order.

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(Amends R.S. 48:205 (A) and (B))