

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

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

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to use certain bidding processes. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:255.8, relative to the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for methods of bidding contracts for road construction; to provide for contract provisions to decrease delays in the completion of roads; to provide for incentives for contractors to complete road construction contracts prior to the contracted deadline; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:255.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§255.8. A+B bidding; authority**

**A. The legislature declares it to be in the public interest that in order to increase efficiency and expediency in the construction of state highways, the Department of Transportation and Development may employ the A+B bidding method for road and highway construction projects or other best project delivery method practices.**

**B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on or after July 1, 2025, the department shall evaluate use of the A+B bidding method**

1 for projects meeting one or more of the following criteria:

2 (a) The project is located on a roadway with average daily traffic greater  
3 than twenty thousand.

4 (b) The estimated time to complete the project is greater than three  
5 hundred sixty-five calendar days.

6 (c) The estimated cost to construct the project is greater than ten million  
7 dollars.

8 (d) The project will be constructed in multiple phases.

9 C. For purposes of this Section, "A+B bidding" means the cost-plus-time  
10 bidding method where the total bid is the sum of the traditional contract unit  
11 price items "A" and the estimated time to complete the project "B", with the  
12 lowest combined total determining the winning bid.

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
17 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof  
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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#### DIGEST

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Hodges

Proposed law authorizes DOTD, beginning July 1, 2025, to use the A+B bidding method or  
other best practices in all road construction contracts to reduce the completion time.

Proposed law establishes criteria for a project to be evaluated using the A+B bidding  
method.

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

(Adds R.S. 48:255.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Removes mandatory language for use of A+B bidding method.
2. Removes provision regarding excessive change orders.
3. Removes incentives for early completion.
4. Adds criteria for a project to be evaluated using the A+B bidding method.