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To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B), relative to negotiations for architectural and engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

A. It is the policy of the state of Louisiana and its political subdivisions and municipalities to select architectural and engineering professional services on the basis of competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price. ~~Neither~~ For projects funded wholly or in part by federal, state or local funding, neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions, officers, employees, or persons they contract through may select architects, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, and land surveyors where price or price-related information is required or in the selection.

B. A political subdivision, ~~or~~ agency, or persons they contract through shall negotiate a contract for professional services at a compensation rate that the agency head determines is fair and reasonable with the firm selected. If the political subdivision, ~~or~~ agency, or persons they contract through is unable to negotiate a

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