

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the selection of professional services for public contracts in which the estimated project budget cost is \$1M or less. Prior law limited application of existing law to professional service contracts.

New law limits application of existing law to professional design service contracts for construction projects.

New law provides that the selection of indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity (IDIQ) design services contracts is governed by the provisions of new law, except as provided in existing law (R.S. 38:2311(C)).

New law requires agencies seeking IDIQ professional design services to notify the division of administration with project details. Requires the division of administration to evaluate the request and refer it to the appropriate selection board.

New law provides that if a selection board chairman objects to a referral, the division of administration is required to submit the request to a committee composed of the chairmen of the La. Architects Selection Board, the La. Engineers Selection Board, the La. Landscape Architects Selection Board, the head or representative of the user agency whose request is under consideration, and the commissioner of the division of administration or his designee. Requires the committee, by majority vote, to designate which selection board has authority to select the design professionals. Further requires the division of administration to notify the designated board of the decision.

New law requires the designated board to advertise one time in the official state journal, providing the following information:

- (1) The professional services required.
- (2) The name, location, and user agency for which the professional services is required.
- (3) Time and instructions for applicants to submit applications for employment to the appropriate board.
- (4) General description of the design services sought, and the availability of details upon request.
- (5) The contract term limit set forth in new law.
- (6) The maximum fee and method for calculating total design contract value, which shall be determined by the division of administration.
- (7) The number of design professionals to be selected.

New law authorizes any person who wishes to be considered for an IDIQ professional design services contract to submit data to the appropriate selection board regarding experience, previous and current projects, scope and amount of work on hand, key personnel, and other relevant information, and allows the boards to develop standard forms for submitting such data.

New law requires that an IDIQ professional design services contract pursuant to new law exclude design services for new buildings and have a term not to exceed two years and a maximum total fee of \$1M.

New law prohibits an IDIQ services contract from including design services. Limits the maximum amount of a single task order for renovations to \$13M.

New law authorizes amendments to individual task orders under an IDIQ professional design services contract, including after the contract expires, allowing the total design contract value, but not the fee, to exceed \$1M for services necessary to complete ongoing projects.

New law requires each issuing agency to maintain at least two IDIQ contracts at all times. Further requires an agency with only one contract in effect to follow the procedures in new law at the next available selection board and prohibits issuing further task orders on that contract if the agency does not comply.

New law prohibits new law from invalidations any other professional design contract governed by Public Contracts, Works and Improvements in existing law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 8, 2026).

(Amends R.S. 38:2316; Adds R.S. 38:2310(11))