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DIGEST

Present law provides that all public work exceeding the contract limit, including labor and materials to be done by a public body, shall be advertised and let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Present law defines the contract limit to equal the sum of one hundred thousand dollars per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates of the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed 15%. Present law also provides a contract limit for Public Safety and Corrections projects using inmate labor and specifies a contract limit for certain bridge projects performed by parishes with less than 16,000 population.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a contract limit for public works administered by the division of administration's office of facility planning and control which is necessitated as a result of gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency. Proposed law defines the contract limit for such projects to be _____ dollars with the administrative overhead not to exceed _____ percent.

Proposed law further provides that to ensure that there is no practice of discrimination against minority or women contractors or subcontractors in the road, bridge, port, airport, transit, highway, or construction industries, or against minority or women workers hired or employed by contractors or subcontractors in such industries, the office of facility planning and control shall conduct a study to determine if such disparities exist.

Proposed law also provides that in the event that the study presents a finding of past discrimination against such employers, contractors, or subcontractors, the director of the office of facility planning and control shall provide recommendations to the governor and the legislature to dismantle, eradicate, and remedy such past discrimination. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the issuance of executive orders and promulgation of rules, as may be necessary.

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

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d) (intro para) and adds R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(iv))