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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 Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections projects using inmate labor and specifies a contract limit for certain bridge projects performed by parishes with a population of less than 16,000.

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 a preference be given to contractors domiciled in the state at least 6 months prior to the disaster declaration and an additional preference be given to contractors which employ persons displaced from their homes by the disaster.

Proposed law requires the office of facility planning and control to establish bid award incentives such that not less than 20% of the awards be made to contractors or businesses which are owned by women or minorities. Authorizes the director of the office of facility planning and control to promulgate rules and regulations governing the implementation of such provisions.

Proposed law prohibits the waiver of such provisions by public entities subject to this contract limit.

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

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