

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

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

PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4546.21, relative to the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas  
3 Purchasing and Distribution Authority; to provide for the authority to require  
4 contractors and subcontractors to be prequalified as part of the public bidding  
5 process for pipeline facilities; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:4546.21 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §4546.21. Construction contracts

9 A. The authority may contract for the planning, acquisition, construction,  
10 reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair, extension, and improvement of a  
11 project or may contract with one or more political subdivisions to perform these  
12 functions.

13 B. Whenever such a project includes a pipeline facility that is publicly bid,  
14 the authority or the participating political subdivision in which the project will be  
15 completed may require, as part of the bidding process, the prequalification of  
16 contractors and subcontractors to ensure compliance with the certification  
17 requirements of 49 CFR Part 192.801 et seq., as mandated by the United States  
18 Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety  
19 Administration or the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. Any such project  
20 subject to prequalification shall otherwise comply with the provisions of R.S.

1           38:2211 et seq. and any other applicable provisions regarding public procurement or  
2           public bidding.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Grants the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority or participating political subdivision the power to require contractors and subcontractors to be prequalified as part of the public bid process for projects including a pipeline facility.

Present law allows the authority to contract for the planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repair, extension, and improvement of a project or to contract with one or more political subdivisions to perform these functions.

Proposed law retains present law and grants the authority or participating political subdivision in which the project will be completed the power to require contractors and subcontractors to be prequalified as part of the public bid process, whenever such project includes a pipeline facility, to ensure compliance with federal certification requirements.

(Amends R.S. 33:4546.21)