

SENATE BILL NO. 1491

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Bell)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-4382 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Public Procurement Act; construction management; contract requirements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-4382 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-4382. Design-build or construction management contracts for local public bodies authorized.

A. Any local public body may enter into a contract for construction on a fixed price or not-to-exceed price construction management or design-build basis, provided that the local public body (i) complies with the requirements of this article and (ii) has by ordinance or resolution implemented procedures consistent with the procedures adopted by the Secretary of Administration for utilizing construction management or design-build contracts.

B. Prior to making a determination as to the use of construction management or design-build for a specific construction project, a local public body shall have in its employ or under contract a licensed architect or engineer with professional competence appropriate to the project who shall (i) advise such public body regarding the use of construction management or design-build for that project and (ii) assist such public body with the preparation of the Request for Proposal and the evaluation of such proposals.

C. A written determination shall be made in advance by the local public body that competitive sealed bidding is not practicable or fiscally advantageous, and such writing shall document the basis for the determination to utilize construction management or design-build. The determination shall be included in the Request for Qualifications and be maintained in the procurement file.

26 D. Procedures adopted by a local public body for construction management pursuant to this article
27 shall include the following requirements:

28 1. Construction management may be utilized on projects where the project cost is expected to be
29 less than the project cost threshold established in the procedures adopted by the Secretary of
30 Administration for utilizing construction management contracts, provided that (i) the project is a complex
31 project and (ii) the project procurement method is approved by the local governing body. The written
32 approval of the governing body shall be maintained in the procurement file;

33 2. Public notice of the Request for Qualifications is posted on the Department's central electronic
34 procurement website, known as eVA, at least 30 days prior to the date set for receipt of qualification
35 proposals;

36 3. The construction management contract is entered into no later than the completion of the
37 schematic phase of design, unless prohibited by authorization of funding restrictions;

38 4. Prior construction management or design-build experience or previous experience with the
39 Department's Bureau of Capital Outlay Management shall not be required as a prerequisite for award of a
40 contract. However, in the selection of a contractor, the local public body may consider the experience of
41 each contractor on comparable projects;

42 5. Construction management contracts shall require that (i) no more than 10 percent of the
43 construction work, as measured by the cost of the work, be performed by the construction manager with
44 its own forces and (ii) the remaining 90 percent of the construction work, as measured by the cost of the
45 work, be performed by subcontractors of the construction manager, which the construction manager shall
46 procure by publicly advertised, competitive sealed bidding to the maximum extent practicable. The
47 provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to construction management contracts involving
48 infrastructure projects;

49 6. The procedures allow for a two-step competitive negotiation process; and

50 7. Price is a critical basis for award of the contract.

51 E. Procedures adopted by a local public body for design-build construction projects shall include
52 a two-step competitive negotiation process consistent with the standards established by the Division of
53 Engineering and Buildings of the Department for state public bodies.

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