

HB 135 -- Political Subdivision Design-Build Contracts

Sponsor: Diehl

This bill authorizes any political subdivision to enter into a design-build contract for a construction project that exceeds an expenditure of \$1 million dollars. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires the political subdivision to establish a written procedure by rule for prequalifying design-build contractors before allowing them to make a proposal on the project and to adopt procedures for evaluating and awarding a contract from proposals from up to five prequalified contractors;

(2) Establishes advertising requirements and procedures for submitting and opening proposals and for when re-advertising is necessary;

(3) Specifies that a payment bond is required, but the performance bond does not need to cover design services if the contractor or subcontractor providing design services carries professional liability insurance in an amount established by the political subdivision in the request for proposals;

(4) Requires architects, engineers, and land surveyors to be duly licensed or authorized in Missouri to provide the required services;

(5) Requires a political subdivision to retain an architect or engineer unless it already retains one; and

(6) Prohibits an architect or engineer who is retained by a political subdivision from acting as the design-build contractor, subcontractor, joint venturer, or partner for the project.