

HB 659 -- Design-Build Contracts for Certain Sewer Districts

Sponsor: Denison

This bill authorizes the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to enter into a design-build contract for a construction project exceeding \$1 million. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes design-build contract procedures;
- (2) Requires the district to adopt procedures for requesting proposals from up to five prequalified contractors and evaluating and awarding contracts;
- (3) Establishes advertising requirements and procedures for submitting and opening proposals and for readvertising when necessary;
- (4) Requires the district to pay a reasonable stipend to a prequalified responsive bidder who submits a proposal but is not awarded a contract;
- (5) Specifies that payment bonds are 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 the amount established by the district in the request for proposal;
- (6) Requires architects, engineers, and land surveyors to be licensed or authorized in this state as required by law, unless the subcontractor performing the services is properly licensed;
- (7) Requires the district to retain an architect or engineer unless it already retains one; and
- (8) Prohibits the architect or engineer retained by the district from acting as the design-build contractor, subcontractor, joint venturer, or partner for the project.