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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Pearson, Acosta, Murray, Burke, Kallman, Ciccone,
Seveney, Euer, and de la Cruz

Date Introduced: March 10, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-2-13.1. Procurement regulations -- Request for proposal.**

4 (a) No request for proposal shall change to a master-price agreement unless the request for
5 proposal is cancelled and reissued as a master price agreement.

6 (b) No vendor, parent corporation, subsidiary, affiliate or subcontractor of any state vendor
7 may bid on a request for proposal if that person or entity has or had any contractual, financial,
8 business or beneficial interest with the state or with any official, officer or agency in charge of the
9 request or if they participated or were consulted with respect to the requirements, technical aspects
10 or any other part of the formation and promulgation of the request for proposals. Further, no person
11 or entity that acts as an operator or vendor for the state may participate in any request for proposal
12 relating to any audit, examination, independent verification, review or evaluation of any of the
13 person or entity's work, financials or operations performed for or behalf of the state or any official,
14 officer or agency.

15 (c) Persons or entities certified as "sole source" providers under § 37-2-21 shall be exempt
16 from the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

17 (d) Any person or entity submitting a proposal in response to a request for proposal shall
18 make a written certification attesting under the penalty of perjury that the terms of subsection (b)
19 of this section have been complied with or that the person or entity is exempt under subsection (c)

1 [of this section.](#)

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require any request for proposal issued by the state may not be changed
2 unless the request for proposal is cancelled and reissued as a master price agreement and would
3 provide certain criteria required of vendors, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates and
4 subcontractors of state vendors when bidding on requests for proposals.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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