

State of Wisconsin



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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 146

AN ACT *to amend* 16.75 (1) (b) 1. and 2. and (c) and 16.75 (3t) (c) (intro.); and *to create* 16.75 (6) (ag) of the statutes; relating to: state procurement of signs.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.75 (1) (b) 1. and 2. and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

16.75 (1) (b) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., when the estimated cost exceeds ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000, the department shall invite solicit bids to be submitted.

2. ~~Bids are not required if~~ If the item being purchased is a sign, bids shall be solicited unless the estimated cost does not exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$3,500.

(c) Except as provided in par. (b) 2. and sub. (7), when the estimated cost is \$25,000 or less, the award may be made in accordance with simplified procedures established by the department for such transactions.

SECTION 2. 16.75 (3t) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.75 (3t) (c) (intro.) The department of corrections shall periodically provide to the department of administration a current list of all materials, supplies, equipment or contractual services, excluding commodities, that are supplied by prison industries, as created under s. 303.01. The department of administration shall distribute the list to all designated purchasing agents under s. 16.71 (1). Except as otherwise provided in sub. (6) (ag) or (am), prior to seeking bids or competitive sealed proposals with

respect to the purchase of any materials, supplies, equipment or contractual services enumerated in the list, the department of administration or any other designated purchasing agent under s. 16.71 (1) shall offer prison industries the opportunity to supply the materials, supplies, equipment or contractual services if the department of corrections is able to provide them at a price that is comparable to one which may be obtained through competitive bidding or competitive sealed proposals and is able to conform to the specifications. If the department of administration or other purchasing agent is unable to determine whether the price of prison industries is comparable to one obtained through competitive bidding or competitive sealed proposals, it may solicit bids or competitive proposals before awarding the order or contract. This paragraph does not apply to the printing of the following forms:

SECTION 3. 16.75 (6) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

16.75 (6) (ag) Subsection (3t) does not apply to purchases of signs.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 16.75 (1) (b) 1. and 2. and (c) of the statutes first applies to purchases made on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."