



## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 42

February 13, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, KNODL and DUCHOW, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL, MARKLEIN and NASS. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 16.867 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** selection of architects  
2             and engineers for state projects.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the secretary of administration must establish a committee for each construction project under the Department of Administration's supervision, except certain emergency projects, for the purpose of selecting an architect or engineer for the project. If the estimated cost of a construction project is \$7,400,000 or more, the selection committee must use a request-for-proposal process established by DOA to select an architect or engineer for the project on the basis of qualifications. This bill prohibits such a committee from refusing to select an architect or engineer who operates an architect and engineering firm with only one responsible architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than \$2,000,000. The bill also allows DOA to increase this threshold up to \$7,400,000.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 16.867 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

