

Ensure Qualifications and Taxpayer Value in Public Contracting

HB 4127A provides increased transparency and accountability, better access and competition, and ensures the best value to the taxpayer in the procurement of certain professional services by allowing public contracting agencies to compare pricing information from <u>the most qualified consultants</u> prior to making a final selection and committing public dollars.

HB 4127A:

- Maintains the focus on qualifications—<u>only</u> qualifications are considered in selecting the three finalists.
- Ensures the best taxpayer value—allows local government to ask for hourly rates, level of effort and other pricing information from the most qualified finalists before a final selection is made.
- Increases opportunities for qualified small businesses to compete for government contracts.
- Meets Qualifications-Based Selection best-practices, set by the American Public Works Association, an organization of professional services consultants and public agencies.
- Increases government efficiency—ensures public contracting agencies have the right information prior to negotiating with a qualified consultant, helping keep project scope, budgets and timelines intact.

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