

Amend Floor Amendment No. 67 by Phillips to CSSB 1420 (house committee printing) on page 1 by striking lines 4-29 and on page 2 by striking lines 1-7 and substituting the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Sections 370.305, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~[An authority may use a comprehensive development agreement with a private entity to construct, maintain, repair, operate, extend, or expand a transportation project.]~~

~~[(b)]~~ A comprehensive development agreement is an agreement with a private entity that, at a minimum, provides for the design and construction of a transportation project, that [and] may [also] provide for the financing, acquisition, maintenance, or operation of a transportation project, and that entitles the private entity to:

(1) a leasehold interest in the transportation project; or

(2) the right to operate or retain revenue from the operation of the transportation project.

(b) ~~[(e)]~~ An authority may negotiate provisions relating to professional and consulting services provided in connection with a comprehensive development agreement.

(c) ~~[(d)]~~ Except as provided by this chapter ~~Subsections (e) and (f), the authority to enter into comprehensive development agreements under this section expires on August 31, 2009.~~

~~(e) Subsection (d) does not apply to a comprehensive development agreement that does not grant a private entity right to finance a toll project or a comprehensive development agreement in connection with a project:~~

~~(1) that includes one or more managed lane facilities to be added to an existing controlled-access highway;~~

~~(2) the major portion of which is located in a nonattainment or near-nonattainment air quality area as designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and~~

~~(3) for which the department has issued a request for qualifications before the effective date of this subsection.~~

~~(f)~~ ~~T~~[t]he authority to enter into a comprehensive development agreement ~~for a project exempted from Subsection (d) or Section 223.210(b)~~ expires August 31, 2011.

SECTION _____. Chapter 370, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G-1. DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS

Sec. 370.318. SCOPE OF AND LIMITATIONS ON CONTRACTS. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Chapter 2254, Government Code, an authority may use the design-build method for the design, construction, financing, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a transportation project.

(b) A design-build contract under this subchapter may not grant to a private entity:

(1) a leasehold interest in the transportation project; or

(2) the right to operate or retain revenue from the operation of the transportation project.

(c) In using the design-build method and in entering into a contract for the services of a design-build contractor, the authority and the design-build contractor shall follow the procedures and requirements of this subchapter.

(d) An authority may enter into not more than two design-build contracts for transportation projects in any fiscal year.

Sec. 370.319. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Design-build contractor" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity or team that includes an engineering firm and a construction contractor qualified to engage in the construction of transportation projects in this state.

(2) "Design-build method" means a project delivery method by which an entity contracts with a single entity to provide both design and construction services for the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a facility.

Sec. 370.320. USE OF ENGINEER OR ENGINEERING FIRM. (a) To act as an authority's representative, independent of a design-build contractor, for the procurement process and for the duration of the

work on a transportation project, an authority shall select or designate:

(1) an engineer;

(2) a qualified firm, selected in accordance with Section 2254.004, Government Code, who is independent of the design-build contractor; or

(3) a general engineering consultant that was previously selected by an authority and is selected or designated in accordance with Section 2254.004, Government Code.

(b) The selected or designated engineer or firm has full responsibility for complying with Chapter 1001, Occupations Code.

Sec. 370.321. OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. (a) An authority shall provide or contract for, independently of the design-build firm, the following services as necessary for the acceptance of the transportation project by the authority:

(1) inspection services;

(2) construction materials engineering and testing;

and

(3) verification testing services.

(b) An authority shall ensure that the engineering services contracted for under this section are selected based on demonstrated competence and qualifications.

(c) This section does not preclude the design-build contractor from providing construction quality assurance and quality control under a design-build contract.

Sec. 370.322. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS. (a) For any transportation project to be delivered through the design-build method, an authority must prepare and issue a request for qualifications. A request for qualifications must include:

(1) information regarding the proposed project's location, scope, and limits;

(2) information regarding funding that may be available for the project and a description of the financing to be requested from the design-build contractor, as applicable;

(3) criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals, which must include a proposer's qualifications, experience, technical competence, and ability to develop the

project;

(4) the relative weight to be given to the criteria;

and

(5) the deadline by which proposals must be received by the authority.

(b) An authority shall publish notice advertising the issuance of a request for qualifications in the Texas Register and on an Internet website maintained by the authority.

(c) An authority shall evaluate each qualifications statement received in response to a request for qualifications based on the criteria identified in the request. An authority may interview responding proposers. Based on the authority's evaluation of qualifications statements and interviews, if any, an authority shall qualify or short-list proposers to submit detailed proposals.

(d) An authority shall qualify or short-list at least two, but no more than five, firms to submit detailed proposals under Section 370.323. If an authority receives only one responsive proposal to a request for qualifications, the authority shall terminate the procurement.

(e) An authority may withdraw a request for qualifications or request for detailed proposals at any time.

Sec. 370.323. REQUEST FOR DETAILED PROPOSALS. (a) An authority shall issue a request for detailed proposals to proposers short-listed under Section 370.322. A request for detailed proposals must include:

(1) information on the overall project goals;

(2) the authority's cost estimates for the design-build portion of the work;

(3) materials specifications;

(4) special material requirements;

(5) a schematic design approximately 30 percent complete;

(6) known utilities, provided that an authority is not required to undertake an effort to locate utilities;

(7) quality assurance and quality control requirements;

- (8) the location of relevant structures;
- (9) notice of any rules or goals adopted by the authority pursuant to Section 370.183 relating to awarding contracts to disadvantaged businesses;
- (10) available geotechnical or other information related to the project;
- (11) the status of any environmental review of the project;
- (12) detailed instructions for preparing the technical proposal required under Subsection (c), including a description of the form and level of completeness of drawings expected;
- (13) the relative weighting of the technical and cost proposals required under Subsection (c) and the formula by which the proposals will be evaluated and ranked, provided that the formula shall allocate at least 70 percent of the weighting to the cost proposal; and
- (14) the criteria and weighting for each element of the technical proposal.

(b) A request for detailed proposals shall also include a general form of the design-build contract that the authority proposes if the terms of the contract may be modified as a result of negotiations prior to contract execution.

(c) Each response to a request for detailed proposals must include a sealed technical proposal and a separate sealed cost proposal.

(d) The technical proposal must address:

(1) the proposer's qualifications and demonstrated technical competence, provided that the proposer shall not be requested to re-submit any information that was submitted and evaluated pursuant to Section 370.322(a)(3);

(2) the feasibility of developing the project as proposed, including identification of anticipated problems;

(3) the proposed solutions to anticipated problems;

(4) the ability of the proposer to meet schedules;

(5) the conceptual engineering design proposed; and

(6) any other information requested by the authority.

(e) An authority may provide for the submission of alternative technical concepts by a proposer. If an authority provides for the submission of alternative technical concepts, the authority must prescribe a process for notifying a proposer whether the proposer's alternative technical concepts are approved for inclusion in a technical proposal.

(f) The cost proposal must include:

(1) the cost of delivering the project;
(2) the estimated number of days required to complete the project; and

(3) any terms for financing for the project that the proposer plans to provide.

(g) A response to a request for detailed proposals shall be due not later than the 180th day after the final request for detailed proposals is issued by the authority. This subsection does not preclude the release by the authority of a draft request for detailed proposals for purposes of receiving input from short-listed proposers.

(h) An authority shall first open, evaluate, and score each responsive technical proposal submitted on the basis of the criteria described in the request for detailed proposals and assign points on the basis of the weighting specified in the request for detailed proposals. The authority may reject as nonresponsive any proposer that makes a significant change to the composition of its design-build team as initially submitted that was not approved by the authority as provided in the request for detailed proposals. The authority shall subsequently open, evaluate, and score the cost proposals from proposers that submitted a responsive technical proposal and assign points on the basis of the weighting specified in the request for detailed proposals. The authority shall rank the proposers in accordance with the formula provided in the request for detailed proposals.

Sec. 370.324. NEGOTIATION. (a) After ranking the proposers under Section 370.323(h), an authority shall first attempt to negotiate a contract with the highest ranked proposer. If an authority has committed to paying a stipend to unsuccessful proposers in accordance with Section 370.326, an authority may

include in the negotiations alternative technical concepts proposed by other proposers.

(b) If an authority is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the highest ranked proposer, the authority shall, formally and in writing, end all negotiations with that proposer and proceed to negotiate with the next proposer in the order of the selection ranking until a contract is reached or negotiations with all ranked proposers end.

Sec. 370.325. ASSUMPTION OF RISKS. (a) Unless otherwise provided in the final request for detailed proposals, including all addenda and supplements thereto, the authority shall assume:

(1) all risks and costs associated with:

(A) scope changes and modifications, as requested by the authority;

(B) unknown or differing site conditions;

(C) environmental clearance and other regulatory permitting for the project;

(D) natural disasters and other force majeure events; and

(2) all costs associated with property acquisition, excluding costs associated with acquiring a temporary easement or work area associated with staging or construction for the project.

(b) Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from agreeing that the design-build contractor should assume some or all of the risks or costs set forth in subsection (a) provided that such agreement is reflected in the final request for detailed proposals, including all addenda and supplements thereto.

Sec. 370.326. STIPEND AMOUNT FOR UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSERS.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of the request for detailed proposals, an authority shall pay an unsuccessful proposer that submits a responsive proposal to the request for detailed proposals a stipend for work product contained in the proposal. The stipend must be specified in the initial request for detailed proposals in an amount of at least two tenths of one percent of the contract amount, but may not exceed the value of the work product contained in the proposal to the authority. In the event the authority determines that the value of the work product is less than the

stipend amount the authority must provide the proposer with a detailed explanation of the valuation, including the methodology and assumptions used in determining value. After payment of the stipend, the authority may make use of any work product contained in the unsuccessful proposal, including the techniques, methods, processes, and information contained in the proposal. The use by the authority of any design element contained in an unsuccessful proposal is at the sole risk and discretion of the authority and does not confer liability on the recipient of the stipend under this subsection.

(b) An authority may provide in a request for detailed proposals for the payment of a partial stipend in the event a procurement is terminated prior to securing project financing and execution of a design-build contract.

Sec. 370.327. PERFORMANCE OR PAYMENT BOND. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subchapter B, Chapter 2253, Government Code, an authority shall require a design-build contractor to provide a performance and payment bond or an alternative form of security or a combination of forms of security.

(b) A performance and payment bond or alternative form of security shall be in an amount equal to the cost of constructing or maintaining the project.

(c) A payment or performance bond is not required for the portion of a design-build contract under this section that includes design services only.

(d) In addition to performance and payment bonds, an authority may require the following alternative forms of security:

(1) a cashier's check drawn on a financial entity specified by the authority;

(2) a United States bond or note;

(3) an irrevocable bank letter of credit drawn from a National or Texas chartered bank; or

(4) any other form of security determined suitable by the authority.

SECTION ____ . Section 370.314, Transportation Code, is repealed.