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H.B. No. 2780

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2780:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of iron and steel products made in the
United States for certain governmental entity projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter [2252](#), Government Code, is amended by
adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION PROJECTS

Sec. 2252.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Governmental entity" means this state or a board,
commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive
branch of state government. The term does not include a political
subdivision.

(2) "Manufacturing process" means the application of a
process to alter the form or function of materials or elements of a
product in a manner that adds value and transforms the materials or
elements into a new finished product that is functionally different
from a finished product produced merely from assembling the
materials or elements into a product.

(3) "Political subdivision" includes a county,
municipality, municipal utility district, water control and
improvement district, special utility district, and other types of
water district.

(4) "Produced in the United States" means, with
respect to iron and steel products, a product for which all

manufacturing processes, from initial melting through application of coatings, occur in the United States, other than metallurgical processes to refine steel additives.

(5) "Project" means a contract between a governmental entity and another person, including a political subdivision, to:

(A) construct, remodel, or alter a building, a structure, or infrastructure;

(B) supply a material for a project described by Paragraph (A); or

(C) finance, refinance, or provide money from funds administered by a governmental entity for a project described by Paragraph (A).

Sec. 2252.202. UNIFORM PURCHASING CONDITION; RULES. (a) Except as provided by Section 2252.203, the uniform general conditions for a project in which iron or steel products will be used must require that the bid documents provided to all bidders and the contract include a requirement that any iron or steel product used in the project be produced in the United States.

(b) A governmental entity subject to the requirements for a project described by Subsection (a) shall adopt rules to promote compliance with this section.

Sec. 2252.203. EXEMPTIONS. (a) Section 2252.202 does not apply to a project for which the governing body of the governmental entity responsible for the project determines that:

(1) iron or steel products produced in the United States are not:

(A) produced in sufficient quantities;

1 (B) reasonably available; or

2 (C) of a satisfactory quality;

3 (2) use of iron or steel products produced in the
4 United States will increase the total cost of the project by more
5 than 20 percent; or

6 (3) complying with that section is inconsistent with
7 the public interest.

8 (b) Electrical components, equipment, systems, and
9 appurtenances, including supports, covers, shielding, and other
10 appurtenances related to an electrical system, necessary for
11 operation or concealment are not considered to be iron or steel
12 products and are exempt from the requirements of Section 2252.202.
13 An electrical system includes all equipment, facilities, and assets
14 owned by an electric utility, as that term is defined in Section
15 [31.002](#), Utilities Code.

16 (c) Section 2252.202 does not apply to a contract subject to
17 Section [223.045](#), Transportation Code, or 23 C.F.R. Section 635.410.

18 Sec. 2252.204. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. This subchapter
19 shall be applied in a manner consistent with this state's
20 obligations under any international agreement.

21 Sec. 2252.205. CONFLICT OF LAW. To the extent of any
22 conflict or inconsistency, this subchapter prevails over any other
23 state law relating to the use of iron and steel products in projects
24 directly funded by a governmental entity or financed by funds
25 administered by a governmental entity.

26 SECTION 2. Section [223.045](#), Transportation Code, is amended
27 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 223.045. IRON AND STEEL PREFERENCE PROVISIONS IN
2 IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS. A contract awarded by the department for
3 the improvement of the state highway system without federal aid
4 must contain the same preference provisions for iron and steel and
5 iron and steel products that are required under federal law for an
6 improvement made with federal aid.

7 SECTION 3. Section 17.183(a), Water Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) The governing body of each political subdivision
10 receiving financial assistance from the board shall require in all
11 contracts for the construction of a project:

12 (1) that each bidder furnish a bid guarantee
13 equivalent to five percent of the bid price;

14 (2) that each contractor awarded a construction
15 contract furnish performance and payment bonds:

16 (A) the performance bond shall include without
17 limitation guarantees that work done under the contract will be
18 completed and performed according to approved plans and
19 specifications and in accordance with sound construction
20 principles and practices; and

21 (B) the performance and payment bonds shall be in
22 a penal sum of not less than 100 percent of the contract price and
23 remain in effect for one year beyond the date of approval by the
24 engineer of the political subdivision;

25 (3) that payment be made in partial payments as the
26 work progresses;

27 (4) that each partial payment shall not exceed 95

1 percent of the amount due at the time of the payment as shown by the
2 engineer of the project, but, if the project is substantially
3 complete, a partial release of the five percent retainage may be
4 made by the political subdivision with approval of the executive
5 administrator;

6 (5) that payment of the retainage remaining due upon
7 completion of the contract shall be made only after:

8 (A) approval by the engineer for the political
9 subdivision as required under the bond proceedings;

10 (B) approval by the governing body of the
11 political subdivision by a resolution or other formal action; and

12 (C) certification by the executive administrator
13 in accordance with the rules of the board that the work to be done
14 under the contract has been completed and performed in a
15 satisfactory manner and in accordance with approved plans and
16 specifications;

17 (6) that no valid approval may be granted unless the
18 work done under the contract has been completed and performed in a
19 satisfactory manner according to approved plans and
20 specifications;

21 (7) that, if a political subdivision receiving
22 financial assistance under Subchapter K of this chapter, labor from
23 inside the political subdivision be used to the extent possible;
24 and

25 (8) that the contract include a requirement that iron
26 and steel products [~~and manufactured goods~~] used in the project be
27 produced in the United States, unless:

(A) such products [~~or goods~~] are not:

(i) available in sufficient quantities;

(ii) readily available; or

(iii) of a satisfactory quality; or

(B) the use of such products [~~or goods~~] will increase the total cost of the project by more than 20 percent.

SECTION 4. Section 17.183(c)(4), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Produced in the United States" means[÷

~~[(A)]~~ in the case of iron and steel products, products for which all manufacturing processes, from initial melting through application of coatings, take place in the United States, except metallurgical processes that involve the refinement of steel additives[÷~~and~~

~~[(B) in the case of a manufactured good, a good for which÷~~

~~[(i) all of the manufacturing process that produced the manufactured good takes place in the United States, and~~

~~[(ii) more than 60 percent of the components of the manufactured good, by cost, originate in the United States].~~

SECTION 5. Sections 17.183(c)(1) and (2) and (d), Water Code, are repealed.

SECTION 6. (a) Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to bid documents submitted or contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Government Code, as added by this Act, does not apply to a project as described by Section 15.432 or 15.472, Water Code, that the Texas Water Development Board has formally approved for financial assistance before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.