

GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 10. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SUBTITLE F. STATE AND LOCAL CONTRACTS AND FUND MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 2254. PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES

SUBCHAPTER A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Sec. 2254.001. SHORT TITLE. This subchapter may be cited as the Professional Services Procurement Act.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 2254.002. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Governmental entity" means:

(A) a state agency or department;

(B) a district, authority, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state;

(C) a local government corporation or another entity created by or acting on behalf of a political subdivision in the planning and design of a construction project; or

(D) a publicly owned utility.

(2) "Professional services" means services:

(A) within the scope of the practice, as defined by state law, of:

(i) accounting;

(ii) architecture;

(iii) landscape architecture;

(iv) land surveying;

(v) medicine;

(vi) optometry;

(vii) professional engineering;

(viii) real estate appraising; or

(ix) professional nursing; or

(B) provided in connection with the professional employment or practice of a person who is licensed or registered as:

(i) a certified public accountant;

- (ii) an architect;
- (iii) a landscape architect;
- (iv) a land surveyor;
- (v) a physician, including a surgeon;
- (vi) an optometrist;
- (vii) a professional engineer;
- (viii) a state certified or state licensed real estate appraiser; or
- (ix) a registered nurse.

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Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1542, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts
2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1409, Sec. 8, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 2254.003. SELECTION OF PROVIDER; FEES. (a) A governmental entity may not select a provider of professional services or a group or association of providers or award a contract for the services on the basis of competitive bids submitted for the contract or for the services, but shall make the selection and award:

- (1) on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services; and
- (2) for a fair and reasonable price.

(b) The professional fees under the contract may not exceed any maximum provided by law.

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Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1213, Sec. 14, eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 2254.0031. INDEMNIFICATION. A state governmental entity may require a contractor selected under this subchapter to indemnify or hold harmless the state from claims and liabilities resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the contractor or persons employed by the contractor. A state governmental entity may not require a contractor to indemnify or hold harmless the state for claims or liabilities resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the state governmental entity or its employees.