

## 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;

(ix) professional nursing; or

(x) forensic science;

(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;

- (ix) a registered nurse; or
- (x) a forensic analyst or forensic science expert; or

(C) provided by a person lawfully engaged in interior design, regardless of whether the person is registered as an interior designer under Chapter [1053](#), Occupations Code.

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

Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 244, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1542, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1409, Sec. 8, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 487 (H.B. [2868](#)), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2019.

Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., Ch. 934 (H.B. [3774](#)), Sec. 10.07, eff. September 1, 2021.

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.

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

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1213 (H.B. [1886](#)), Sec. 14, eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 2254.0031. INDEMNIFICATION. (a) A state governmental entity may require a contractor selected under this subchapter to indemnify or hold