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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1290

ADOT; report; construction projects; bidders

Purpose

Requires the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to issue a quarterly report disclosing each instance and reason the lowest responsible bidder is not selected for a construction contract.

Background

The Director of ADOT (Director), or the Director's authorized and bonded agent, must administer all highway and maintenance work which includes: 1) directing the preparation of all plans and specifications for work on state highways or routes; 2) advertising for competitive bids for work on state highways or routes and, on authorization of the State Transportation Board, awarding and entering into contracts for the work; 3) directing the supervision of all construction work on state highways and routes as well as the maintenance and upkeep; 4) approving payment for work done; and 5) negotiating and awarding contracts to private consulting engineers or consulting engineering firms if deemed in the public interest by the Director and the State Transportation Board for the performance of engineering work that is required to formulate and complete highway construction contracts ([A.R.S. § 28-6922](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires the Director of ADOT to issue a quarterly report to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
2. Requires the report to disclose:
 - a) each instance the lowest responsible bidder was not selected for a construction project contract; and
 - b) why the lowest responsible bidder was not selected.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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