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HOUSE BILL NO. 540

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BY REPRESENTATIVE AUBERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENGINEERS: Allows for the Small Engineering Consultant Program within DOTD to be open to certain businesses

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 48:292.1(C)(1)(a), relative to the Small Engineering Consultant
3	Program; restricts participation in the program to certain engineering consultant
4	firms; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 48:292.1(C)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	§292.1. Small Engineering Consultant Program
9	* * *
10	C.(1) Engineering consultants interested in participating in the program shall
11	annually apply for prequalification. Only a small engineering consultant whose firm
12	meets the qualifications provided by this Paragraph at the time of application may
13	participate in the program:
14	(a) It has been in business for a continuous period of at least three less than
15	two years.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Restricts participation in the Small Engineering Consultant Program to engineering consultant firms that have been in business for less than two years.

<u>Present law</u> provides that engineering consultants interested in participating in the "Small Engineering Consultant Program" shall annually apply for prequalification. Further provides that only a small engineering consultant whose firm meets the following qualifications may participate in the program:

- (1) It has been in business for a continuous period of at least three years.
- (2) It is registered and in satisfactory standing with the La. secretary of state as provided by law.
- (3) It is licensed by the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.
- (4) It employs at least one employee who will be in responsible charge of engineering work and who is properly licensed by the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.
- (5) It employs the equivalent of no more than three professional engineers, including professional engineers employed on a part-time basis.
- (6) It has not been competitively selected by the department for preconstruction engineering work within the three years previous to the date of the application for the program.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except that it restricts participation in the program to firms that have been in business for less than two years rather than for a continuous period of three years.

(Amends R.S. 48:292.1(C)(1)(a))