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H.B. No. 5603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement for the Texas Department of Transportation to disclose certain service contract information and provide notice regarding certain changes to a contract.

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

SECTION 1. Section 223.0042, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.0042. CONTRACT INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE.

(a) In this section, "engineering-related services" has the meaning assigned by Section 223.041(a).

(b) The department shall make available on the department's Internet website a listing describing each contract awarded by the commission for a highway construction project. The listing must include for each project:

(1) the funding program source contract awardee, including subcontractors and historically underutilized business and disadvantaged business enterprise participants and percentage of contract; and

(2) each department transportation district in which the contract will be performed.

(c) Not later than the 30th day after the date the commission awards an engineering-related services contract, the department shall make information related to the contract available on the department's Internet website, including:

- 1 (1) the contract number;
- 2 (2) the primary firm involved in the contract;
- 3 (3) the total contract amount, in dollars;
- 4 (4) the date of the contract's execution;
- 5 (5) the termination date of the contract;
- 6 (6) the type of contract;
- 7 (7) whether the contract is a specific-deliverable or
8 indefinite-deliverable contract;
- 9 (8) a general description of the scope of services;
- 10 (9) work authorizations, supplemental work
11 authorizations, and supplemental agreements issued to date;
- 12 (10) the total amount paid, in dollars, under the
13 contract to date;
- 14 (11) a list of the geographic areas covered by the
15 contract; and
- 16 (12) any notifications or notices relating to the
17 contract issued under Section [223.041](#).

18 (d) The department shall update the department's Internet
19 website with the information required under Subsection (c) at least
20 weekly.

21 SECTION 2. Section [223.041](#), Transportation Code, is amended
22 by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

23 (c) If a work authorization has been issued by the
24 department for an engineering-related services contract, the
25 department shall notify the contractor in writing if the department
26 determines that the schedule or table of deliverables identified in
27 a contract or work authorization must be slowed, stopped, paused,

1 or otherwise altered for any reason. This notification must be
2 given to the contractor at least 90 days before the effective date
3 of any change to the contract's schedule or table of deliverables.

4 (d) If the department notifies a contractor for an
5 engineering-related services contract of an alteration to the
6 schedule or table of deliverables under Subsection (c), the
7 district, area-office, division, or other office within the
8 department that issued the notice shall report the notice in
9 writing to the executive director, the deputy executive director of
10 the department, and the chief engineer of the department not later
11 than three days after the date the notice was issued. Not later
12 than 10 days after the date the notice was issued, the department
13 shall post the notice on the department's Internet website in the
14 same location the contract information described by Section
15 [223.0042](#)(c) is posted for the corresponding engineering-related
16 services contract.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.