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H.B. No. 1288

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the awarding of contracts by municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 252.043, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In determining the best value for the municipality, the municipality may consider:

(1) the purchase price;

(2) the reputation of the bidder and of the bidder's goods or services;

(3) the quality of the bidder's goods or services;

(4) the extent to which the goods or services meet the municipality's needs;

(5) the bidder's past relationship with the municipality;

(6) the impact on the ability of the municipality to comply with laws, [and] rules, and programs relating to contracting with historically underutilized businesses, minority and women-owned businesses, and nonprofit organizations employing persons with disabilities;

(7) the total long-term cost to the municipality to acquire the bidder's goods or services; and

(8) any relevant criteria specifically listed in the request for bids or proposals.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.