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H.B. No. 1296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to small business development programs of navigation districts and port authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 60.404(d), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The specifications must:

(1) describe in detail the item to be acquired;

(2) require that bids be sealed; ~~and~~

(3) require the attachment to the bid of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidders bond; and

(4) indicate whether a small business development program adopted by the port commission of the port authority or district applies to the purchase and, if so, where a copy of the program requirements may be obtained.

SECTION 2. Section 60.4125, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If a purchase or contract made under Subsection (a) is subject to a small business development program adopted by the port commission of the port authority or district, the purchase solicitation must indicate that fact and must also indicate where a copy of the program requirements may be obtained.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.