

1-1 By: Noriega (Senate Sponsor - Lindsay) H.B. No. 1296
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 and Commerce; May 21, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to small business development programs of navigation
1-9 districts and port authorities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 60.404(d), Water Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (d) The specifications must:

1-14 (1) describe in detail the item to be acquired;

1-15 (2) require that bids be sealed; ~~and~~

1-16 (3) require the attachment to the bid of a certified
1-17 check, cashier's check, or bidders bond; and

1-18 (4) indicate whether a small business development
1-19 program adopted by the port commission of the port authority or
1-20 district applies to the purchase and, if so, where a copy of the
1-21 program requirements may be obtained.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 60.4125, Water Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-24 (d) If a purchase or contract made under Subsection (a) is
1-25 subject to a small business development program adopted by the port
1-26 commission of the port authority or district, the purchase
1-27 solicitation must indicate that fact and must also indicate where a
1-28 copy of the program requirements may be obtained.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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