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H.B. No. 1396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the requirement that certain contracts awarded by the  
3 Veterans' Land Board be subject to competitive bidding.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.175(c), Natural Resources Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The board may award a contract in an amount not to exceed  
8 \$25,000 [~~\$10,000~~] to purchase supplies, materials, services, and  
9 equipment for use by the board in connection with improvements to,  
10 repairs to, or maintenance of land and with roadways and  
11 improvements located on land that are undertaken by the board under  
12 this chapter to make the land more marketable or useable without the  
13 necessity of soliciting or obtaining competitive bids. The board  
14 may not award a contract under this subsection in an amount that  
15 exceeds \$25,000 [~~\$10,000~~] without soliciting or obtaining  
16 competitive bids.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.