BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law authorizes only historically underutilized business program participants to use "small business" as an additional evaluation criteria. The Dallas-Fort Worth Airport (DFW) only maintains a small and emerging business program and cannot use "small business" criteria in determining best value procurements.

As proposed, S.B. 1618 authorizes DFW Airport to use the participation of small businesses as additional evaluation criteria in determining the best value for procurements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 252.043, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (b-1), as follows:

(b-1) Authorizes a joint board described in Section 22.074(d) (relating to a joint board in which the constituents are home-rule municipalities) that awards contracts in the manner provided by this chapter (County and Municipal Airports), in addition to the considerations provided by Subsection (b) (relating to determining the best value for a municipality), to consider, in determining the best value for the board, the impact on the ability of the board to comply with laws, rules, and programs relating to contracting with a small business.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.