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H.B. No. 3234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirement that governmental entities give
3 preference to Texas-based companies in awarding certain financial
4 services contracts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2252.002, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 2252.002. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CERTAIN BIDDERS
9 ~~[NONRESIDENT BIDDER]~~. (a) A governmental entity may not award a
10 governmental contract to a nonresident bidder unless the
11 nonresident underbids the lowest bid submitted by a responsible
12 resident bidder by an amount that is not less than the amount by
13 which a resident bidder would be required to underbid the
14 nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in
15 which the nonresident's principal place of business is located.

16 (b) A governmental entity shall give preference to a
17 resident bidder, including a historically underutilized business,
18 in awarding a contract for a financial advisor or service provider,
19 as defined by Section 2263.002, that will provide services to a
20 pension system.

21 SECTION 2. Section 2252.002(b), Government Code, as added
22 by this Act, applies only to a contract for which a governmental
23 entity first accepts bids or other applicable expressions of
24 interest on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract for

1 which a governmental entity first accepts bids or other applicable
2 expressions of interest before that date is governed by the law in
3 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
4 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.