

Amend CSHB 2820 (house committee report) by striking page 2, line 9, through page 3, line 5, substituting the following appropriately numbered SECTION, and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 2254.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2254.004. CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ARCHITECT, ENGINEER, ~~[OR]~~ SURVEYOR, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OR GEOSCIENTIST. ~~[(a)]~~ In procuring architectural, engineering, ~~[or]~~ land surveying, landscape architectural, or geoscientific services, a governmental entity shall:

(1) first create a list of ~~[select]~~ the most highly qualified providers ~~[provider]~~ of those services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications; and

(2) then negotiate with the providers on the list and contract with the provider who offers the best value for the governmental entity ~~[attempt to negotiate with that provider a contract at a fair and reasonable price].~~

~~[(b) If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated with the most highly qualified provider of architectural, engineering, or land surveying services, the entity shall:~~

~~[(1) formally end negotiations with that provider;~~

~~[(2) select the next most highly qualified provider;~~

~~and~~

~~[(3) attempt to negotiate a contract with that provider at a fair and reasonable price.]~~

~~[(c) The entity shall continue the process described in Subsection (b) to select and negotiate with providers until a contract is entered into.]~~