

Amend HB 2820 on third reading as follows:

(1) Strike page 2, line 9, through page 3, line 6, and substitute the following:

SECTION _____. The heading to 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.

SECTION _____. Sections 2254.004(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In procuring architectural, engineering, [~~or~~] land surveying, landscape architectural, or geoscientific services, a governmental entity shall:

(1) first select the most highly qualified provider of those services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications; and

(2) then 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, landscape architectural, or geoscientific 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.

(2) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.