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S.B. No. 1958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to including certain veterans service organizations as  
3 small businesses for the purpose of state contracting.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2155.505(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (3) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (2) "Small business" means a small business concern as  
9 defined by regulations of the United States Small Business  
10 Administration in 13 C.F.R. Section 121.201 or a veterans service  
11 agency.

12 (3) "Veterans service agency" means a community-based  
13 organization that:

14 (A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a),  
15 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described in  
16 Section 501(c)(3) of that code; and

17 (B) has as its principal purpose to provide  
18 housing, substance abuse treatment, case management services, and  
19 employment training to low-income veterans, disabled veterans, and  
20 homeless veterans and their families.

21 SECTION 2. Section 2155.505(a), Government Code, as amended  
22 by this Act, applies only to a contract for the procurement of goods  
23 and services for which the solicitation of bids or proposals,  
24 request for proposals, or similar required notification as to the

1 goods or services is published on or after September 1, 2009. A  
2 contract for the procurement of goods and services for which the  
3 solicitation of bids or proposals, request for proposals, or  
4 similar required notification as to the goods or services is  
5 published before September 1, 2009, is governed by the law in effect  
6 at the time the solicitation, request, or notification is  
7 published, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.