

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the purchase of iron, steel, and manufactured goods
3 made in the United States for state construction projects.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 2166.3031 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2166.3031. UNIFORM PURCHASING CONDITION. (a) Except
8 as provided by Subsection (b), the uniform general conditions for a
9 construction project in which iron, steel, or manufactured goods
10 will be used must require that the bid documents provided to all
11 bidders and the contract include a requirement that the iron,
12 steel, and manufactured goods, including equipment, used in the
13 project be produced in the United States.

14 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a project for which the
15 governmental entity responsible for the project determines that:

16 (1) iron, steel, or specific manufactured goods are
17 not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably
18 available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

19 (2) inclusion of iron, steel, or specific manufactured
20 goods produced in the United States will increase the total cost of
21 the project by more than 25 percent.

22 (c) This section applies to a project otherwise exempted
23 from the application of this chapter by Sections 2166.003 and
24 2166.004.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2166.3031, Government Code, as added by
2 this Act, applies only to bid documents submitted or contracts
3 entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.