

Amend HB 15 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION _____. (a) Section 2157.068, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e-1) and (j) to read as follows:

(e-1) A state agency purchasing an automated information system with a value that exceeds \$50,000 must submit a request for pricing to:

(1) at least three vendors included on the list of commodities available for purchase in the category to which the purchase relates; or

(2) all vendors included on the list in the category if fewer than three vendors are included in the category.

(j) The department shall, in cooperation with state agencies, monitor and verify the purchase transaction reports submitted by vendors reflecting monthly sales made under Subsection (e) to ensure the accuracy of the reports.

(b) Section 2155.504(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to the requirements of Section 2157.068(e-1), a [A] state agency or local government may purchase goods or services directly from a vendor under a contract listed on a schedule developed under this subchapter. A purchase authorized by this section satisfies any requirement of state law relating to competitive bids or proposals [~~and satisfies any applicable requirements of Chapter 2157~~].

(c) The changes in law made by this section apply only in relation to a contract:

(1) for which a state agency first advertises or otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications on or after the effective date of this Act;

(2) that is extended or modified on or after the effective date of this Act; or

(3) for which a change order is submitted on or after the effective date of this Act.