

1-1 By: Curry (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 4748  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;  
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
1-4 & Commerce; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Schwertner	X		
1-9	King	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		
1-16	Middleton	X		
1-17	Nichols	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to state agency purchasing methods and procedures,  
1-22 including a state agency multiple award contract purchasing  
1-23 procedure.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2156, Government Code, is  
1-26 amended by adding Section 2156.0013 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 2156.0013. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. This chapter does  
1-28 not apply to a contract for professional services, as that term is  
1-29 defined by Section 2254.002.

1-30 SECTION 2. Chapter 2156, Government Code, is amended by  
1-31 adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

1-32 SUBCHAPTER E. MULTIPLE AWARD PURCHASING PROCEDURE

1-33 Sec. 2156.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-34 (1) "Multiple award" means the award of a multiple  
1-35 award contract to more than one vendor by the comptroller or a state  
1-36 agency with the intent to order from the vendors who are awarded the  
1-37 contract all of the solicited goods or services necessary to  
1-38 satisfy the actual solicitation requirements for the contract.

1-39 (2) "Multiple award contract" has the meaning assigned  
1-40 by Section 2155.501.

1-41 Sec. 2156.202. USE OF MULTIPLE AWARD PURCHASING PROCEDURE.

1-42 (a) The comptroller or a state agency may use the multiple award  
1-43 purchasing procedure described by this subchapter to award a  
1-44 contract to more than one vendor for the purchase of similar goods  
1-45 or services as necessary to ensure adequate delivery, service, or  
1-46 product compatibility.

1-47 (b) The comptroller or a state agency shall prepare a  
1-48 written determination stating the comptroller's or agency's reasons  
1-49 for using the multiple award purchasing procedure to purchase the  
1-50 goods or services under a multiple award contract and retain the  
1-51 determination in the multiple award contract file.

1-52 Sec. 2156.203. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF INTENT AND CRITERIA  
1-53 IN MULTIPLE AWARD SOLICITATION. The comptroller or a state agency  
1-54 shall disclose in the solicitation for a multiple award contract  
1-55 the comptroller's or agency's:

1-56 (1) intent to use the multiple award purchasing  
1-57 procedure; and

1-58 (2) criteria for an award under that procedure.

1-59 Sec. 2156.204. SOLICITATION, EVALUATION, AND AWARD. (a)  
1-60 The comptroller or a state agency shall solicit, evaluate, and  
1-61 award a multiple award contract in accordance with:

(1) Subchapter A;  
(2) Subchapter C; or  
(3) the request for offers method prescribed by  
comptroller rules adopted under Section [2157.006](#).

(b) Each contractor must provide, or be capable of  
providing, the best value to the state.

Sec. 2156.205. ORDERING. (a) The comptroller or a state  
agency shall place each order under a multiple award contract in a  
manner that provides the best value to the state in accordance with  
standards provided in Chapters [2155](#), [2156](#), [2157](#), and [2158](#). If  
necessary to determine the best value to the state, the comptroller  
or agency may conduct a secondary solicitation competition among  
the vendors awarded a multiple award contract before placing the  
order.

(b) The comptroller or a state agency shall document the  
method used for determining the best value to the state under a  
multiple award contract and retain the documentation in the  
contract file.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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