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(New Draft of S.P. 310, L.D. 924)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1316

S.P. 437

In Senate, March 24, 1983

Reported by Senator Baldacci of Penobscot from the Committee on State Government and printed under Joint Rule 2.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT Concerning the Guidelines for  
State Contract Process and Appeal of  
Decisions.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

5 MRSA c. 156 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 156

DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS AND APPEAL OF DECISIONS

§1831. Rules for competitive bid process

1. Adoption of rules. Every department or agency of State Government, subject to chapters 141 to 155, shall be required to adopt rules for the competitive bid process in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 375. The rules shall be

1 reviewed and approved by the State Purchasing Agent  
2 prior to their adoption. The rules shall include, but  
3 not be limited to, the following:

4 A. Criteria for the notification procedure to  
5 inform prospective bidders about contracts for  
6 which bids are being requested;

7 B. Criteria by which bid applications shall be  
8 reviewed;

9 C. Criteria for the selection of bids for any  
10 additional review prior to any award of con-  
11 tracts;

12 D. Criteria for the award of a contract;

13 E. Definition of the procedure by which a  
14 person, aggrieved by the decision of a department  
15 or agency under this chapter, may appeal the  
16 decision; and

17 F. Criteria for the review of any decision that  
18 has been appealed under this chapter.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The purpose of this new draft is to require each  
21 department and agency of State Government to define,  
22 by rule, the contract bidding process that each  
23 department shall follow. The bill intended not to re-  
24 quire the Department of Finance and Administration to  
25 define the process for each department. The cost of  
26 the bill to fund the Department of Finance and Admin-  
27 istration to undertake this task would have been too  
28 great.

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