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BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to lobbying contracts of state-related entities and involving lobbying contracts of state-related entities and state procurement practices and procedures; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 24.55.275 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.55.275. CONTRACT PROCEDURES. The ombudsman shall adopt by regulation procedures consistent with AS 36.30 to be followed by the office of the ombudsman in contracting for services. However, the procedure for requests for proposals does not apply to contracts for investigations under AS 24.55.100, and the office of the ombudsman shall comply with AS 36.30.170(b).

* Sec. 2. AS 36.30.015(e) is amended to read:

(e) The board of directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the board of directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation shall adopt procedures to govern the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction.
The procedures must be substantially equivalent to the procedures prescribed in this chapter and in regulations adopted under this chapter. **Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation shall comply with AS 36.30.170(b).**

* Sec. 3. AS 36.30.015(f) is amended to read:

(f) The board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, notwithstanding AS 18.56.088, shall adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) and the board of trustees of the Alaska State Pension Investment Board shall adopt regulations under AS 37.10.240 to govern the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction for the respective public corporation and board. The regulations must [(1)] reflect competitive bidding principles and provide vendors reasonable and equitable opportunities to participate in the procurement process [;] and **must** [(2)] include procurement methods to meet emergency and extraordinary circumstances. **Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and the Alaska State Pension Investment Board shall comply with AS 36.30.170(b).**

* Sec. 4. AS 36.30.015(h) is amended to read:

(h) The board of directors of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute shall adopt procedures to govern the procurement of supplies, services, and professional services. The procedures must be similar to the procedures prescribed in this chapter and in regulations adopted under this chapter, **except that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute shall comply with AS 36.30.170(b).**

* Sec. 5. AS 36.30.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.020. LEGISLATURE. The Legislative Council shall adopt and publish procedures to govern the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction by the legislative branch. The procedures must be based on the competitive principles consistent with this chapter and must be adapted to the special needs of the legislative branch as determined by the Legislative Council. The procedures must be consistent with the provisions of AS 36.30.080(c) - (e) and 36.30.085. **Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the legislative agencies subject to the legislative council’s regulations shall comply with**
AS 36.30.170(b).

* Sec. 6. AS 36.30.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.030. COURT SYSTEM. The administrative director of courts shall adopt and publish procedures to govern the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction by the judicial branch. The procedures must be based on the competitive principles consistent with this chapter and must be adapted to the special needs of the judicial branch as determined by the administrative director of courts. The procedures must be consistent with the provisions of AS 36.30.080(c) - (e) and 36.30.085. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the judicial branch shall comply with AS 36.30.170(b).

* Sec. 7. AS 36.30.040(b)(4) is amended to read:

(4) conditions and procedures for the use of source selection methods authorized by this chapter, including single [SOLE] source procurements, emergency procurements, and small procurements;

* Sec. 8. AS 36.30.040(b)(15) is amended to read:

(15) a bidder’s or offeror’s duties under this chapter [AS 36.30.115 AND 36.30.210]; and

* Sec. 9. AS 36.30.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except for persons debarred or suspended under AS 36.30.635 - 36.30.655, the [THE] commissioner shall establish and maintain current lists of persons who desire to provide supplies, services, professional services, or construction services to the state.

* Sec. 10. AS 36.30.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) When the department is acquiring leased space of 3,000 square feet or less, the department may procure the leased space using the procedures for small procurements under AS 36.30.320, providing public notice is given to prospective offerors in the market area.

* Sec. 11. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 36.30.083. LEASE EXTENSIONS AUTHORIZED. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the department, the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, the legislative council, or the court system may extend, for up
to a maximum extension of 10 years, a real property lease that is entered into under this chapter including procedures and regulations adopted under AS 36.30.005(c), 36.30.020, and 36.30.030 and has at least six months remaining under the lease term, if a minimum cost savings of

(1) 15 percent can be achieved on the rent due under the lease; or

(2) 10 percent can be achieved on the rent due under the lease and the lessor agrees to make modifications of the leased real property to bring the real property into compliance with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 12101 - 12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990).

(b) The cost savings under (a) of this section shall be calculated on the remaining term of the lease and any renewals, including extensions allowed under (a) of this section.

(c) The department, the University of Alaska, the court system, and the Legislative Affairs Agency shall submit individually an annual report to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee detailing the leases extended and the cost savings achieved by that entity under (a) or (b) of this section. Reports are due August 31 of each year.

* Sec. 12. AS 36.30.115 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.115. SUBCONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. (a) Within five working days after the identification of the apparent low bidder for a construction contract, the apparent low bidder shall submit a list of the subcontractors the bidder proposes to use in the performance of the construction contract. The list must include the name and location of the place of business for each subcontractor, [AND] evidence of each subcontractor’s valid Alaska business license, [AND] evidence of each subcontractor’s registration under AS 08.18. If a subcontractor on the list did not have a valid Alaska business license and a valid certificate of registration under AS 08.18 at the time the bid was opened, the bidder may not use the subcontractor in the performance of the contract, and shall replace the subcontractor with a subcontractor who had a valid Alaska business license and a valid certificate of registration under AS 08.18 at the time the bid was opened.
(b) The apparent low [A] bidder for a construction contract may replace a listed subcontractor if the subcontractor

(1) fails to comply with AS 08.18;
(2) files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent;
(3) fails to execute a contract with the bidder involving performance of the work for which the subcontractor was listed and the bidder acted in good faith;
(4) fails to obtain bonding;
(5) fails to obtain insurance acceptable to the state;
(6) fails to perform the contract with the bidder involving work for which the subcontractor was listed;
(7) must be substituted in order for the prime contractor to satisfy required state and federal affirmative action requirements;
(8) refuses to agree or abide with the bidder’s labor agreement; or
(9) is determined by the procurement officer not to be a responsible subcontractor.

(c) If a bidder for a construction contract fails to list a subcontractor or lists more than one subcontractor for the same portion of work and the value of that work is in excess of half of one percent of the total bid, the bidder shall be considered to have agreed to perform that portion of work without the use of a subcontractor and to have represented the bidder to be qualified to perform that work.

(d) A bidder for a construction contract who attempts to circumvent the requirements of this section by listing as a subcontractor another contractor who, in turn, sublets the majority of the work required under the contract violates this section.

(e) If a construction contract is awarded to a bidder who violates this section, the procurement [PURCHASING] officer may

(1) cancel the contract; or
(2) after notice and a hearing, assess a penalty on the bidder in an amount that does not exceed 10 percent of the value of the subcontract at issue.

* Sec. 13. AS 36.30.130(a) is amended to read:

(a) The procurement officer shall give adequate public notice of the invitation to bid at least 21 days before the date for the opening of bids. If the procurement
officer determines [A DETERMINATION IS MADE] in writing that a shorter notice period is advantageous [NECESSARY] for a particular bid and adequate competition is anticipated, the 21-day period may be shortened. [THE DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLIES, SERVICES, OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. THE DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE STATE EQUIPMENT FLEET.] Notice shall be published in the Alaska Administrative Journal. The time and manner of notice must be in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner of administration. When practicable, notice may include

(1) publication in a newspaper calculated to reach prospective bidders located in the state;

(2) notices posted in public places within the area where the work is to be performed or the material furnished; and

(3) notices mailed to all active prospective contractors on the appropriate list maintained under AS 36.30.050

(A) if the contractors are located in the state;

(B) upon request, if the contractors are not located in the state.

* Sec. 14. AS 36.30.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) In order to qualify for a preference under (c), (e), or (f) of this section, a bidder must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or a bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

* Sec. 15. AS 36.30.200 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.200. CONDITIONS FOR USE. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, or unless specifically exempted by law, an agency contract shall be awarded by competitive sealed proposals if it is not awarded by competitive sealed bidding. [CONSTRUCTION MAY ONLY BE PROCURED BY COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS IF THE CONDITIONS UNDER (c) OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.]
(b) The commissioner may provide by regulation that it is either not practicable or not advantageous to the state to procure specified types of supplies, services, or construction by competitive sealed bidding that would otherwise be procured by that method. When the [CHIEF] procurement officer [, OR FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS OR PROCUREMENTS FOR THE STATE EQUIPMENT FLEET, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES,] determines in writing with particularity that the use of competitive sealed proposals is more [BIDDING IS EITHER NOT PRACTICABLE OR NOT] advantageous to the state than competitive sealed bidding, a contract may be entered into by competitive sealed proposals [IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS. WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THAT IT IS PRACTICABLE BUT NOT Advantageous TO USE COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING, THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES SHALL SPECIFY WITH PARTICULARITY THE BASIS FOR THE DETERMINATION].

(c) When the commissioner of transportation and public facilities [CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER] determines that it is advantageous to the state, a procurement officer may issue a request for proposals requesting the submission of offers to provide construction in accordance with a design provided by the offeror. The request for proposals shall require that each proposal submitted contain a single price that includes the design/build.

* Sec. 16. AS 36.30.210 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 36.30.210. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. (a) A request for competitive sealed proposals must contain the date, time, and place for delivering proposals, a specific description of the supplies, construction, services, or professional services to be provided under the contract, and the terms under which the supplies, construction, services, or professional services are to be provided.

(b) An offeror for a construction contract shall submit evidence of the offeror's registration under AS 08.18. A request for sealed proposals for a construction contract must require the offeror, no later than five working days after the proposal that is the most advantageous to the state is identified, to list subcontractors the offeror proposes
to use in the performance of the construction contract. The list must include the information required under AS 36.30.115(a). The provisions of AS 36.30.115(b) - (e) apply to competitive sealed proposals for construction contracts.

(c) A request for proposals must contain that information necessary for an offeror to submit a proposal or contain references to any information that cannot reasonably be included with the request. The request must provide a description of the factors that will be considered by the procurement officer when evaluating the proposals received, including the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors.

(d) Notice of a request for proposals shall be given in accordance with procedures under AS 36.30.130. The procurement officer may use additional means considered appropriate to notify prospective offerors of the intent to enter into a contract through competitive sealed proposals.

(e) The offeror must have a valid Alaska business license at the time designated, in the request for proposals, for opening of the proposals.

* Sec. 17. AS 36.30.230 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.230. DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSALS. The procurement officer shall open proposals so as to avoid disclosure of contents to competing offerors before notice of intent to award a contract is issued [DURING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION]. A register of proposals containing the name and address of each offeror shall be prepared in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner. The register and the proposals are open for public inspection after the notice of intent to award a contract is issued under AS 36.30.365. To the extent that the offeror designates and the procurement officer concurs, trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in the proposal documents are confidential.

* Sec. 18. AS 36.30.230 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) If a solicitation is cancelled under AS 36.30.350 after proposals are received but before a notice of intent to award a contract has been issued under AS 36.30.365, a protest of the solicitation or of the cancellation of the solicitation has not been filed by an interested party under AS 36.30.560, and the time specified in AS 36.30.565(a) for filing such a protest has expired, the procurement officer may
return a proposal to the offeror that made the proposal. The procurement officer shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation.

* Sec. 19. AS 36.30.260 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.260. CONTRACT EXECUTION. A contract awarded under competitive sealed proposals must contain

(1) a statement of the amount of the contract [STATED ON ITS FIRST PAGE];

(2) the date for the supplies to be delivered or the dates for construction, services, or professional services to begin and be completed;

(3) a description of the supplies, construction, services, or professional services to be provided; and

(4) certification by the project director for the contracting agency, the head of the contracting agency, or a designee that sufficient money is [FUNDS ARE] available in an appropriation to be encumbered for the amount of the contract.

* Sec. 20. AS 36.30.300 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 36.30.300. SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS. (a) A contract may be awarded for supplies, services, professional services, or construction without competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, or other competition in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner. A contract may be awarded under this section only when the chief procurement officer or, for construction contracts or procurements for the state equipment fleet, the commissioner of transportation and public facilities determines in writing that

(1) it is not practicable to award a contract by competitive sealed bidding under AS 36.30.100, competitive sealed proposals under AS 36.30.200, or limited competition under AS 36.30.305; and

(2) award of the contract under this section is in the state's best interest.

(b) The using agency shall submit written evidence to support a request for a single source procurement. The commissioner of administration or the commissioner of transportation and public facilities, as appropriate, may also require the submission of cost or pricing data in connection with an award under this section.

(c) To the extent practicable, the procurement officer shall negotiate with the
single source to obtain contract terms advantageous to the state.

(d) Procurement requirements may not be aggregated or structured so as to constitute a purchase under this section or to circumvent the source selection procedures required by AS 36.30.100 - 36.30.270.

(e) Except for procurements of supplies, services, professional services, or construction that do not exceed the amount for small procurements under AS 36.30.320(a) as applicable, the authority to make a determination required by this section may not be delegated, even if the authority to contract is delegated under AS 36.30.015(a) and (b).

* Sec. 21. AS 36.30.305(a) is amended to read:

(a) A **construction contract under $100,000, or a** contract for supplies, services, **or** professional services, [OR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT UNDER $100,000,] may be awarded without competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals, in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner. A contract may be awarded under this section only when the chief procurement officer [OR, FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS UNDER $100,000 OR PROCUREMENTS FOR THE STATE EQUIPMENT FLEET, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES,] determines in writing that a situation exists that makes competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals impractical or contrary to the public interest, except that the attorney general may make the determination for services of legal counsel, and the commissioner of transportation and public facilities may make the determination for construction contracts under $100,000 or procurements for the state equipment fleet. Procurements under this section shall be made with competition that is practicable under the circumstance. Except for procurements of supplies, services, professional services, or construction that do not exceed the amount for small procurements under AS 36.30.320(a) [OR (b)], as applicable, the authority to make a determination required by this section may not be delegated.

* Sec. 22. AS 36.30.305(d) is amended to read:

(d) **Single** [SOLE] source procurements may not be made under this section.

* Sec. 23. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:
Sec. 36.30.308. INNOVATIVE PROCUREMENTS. (a) A contract may be awarded for supplies, services, professional services, or construction using an innovative procurement process, with or without competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals, in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner. A contract may be awarded under this section only when the chief procurement officer, or, for construction contracts or procurements of the state equipment fleet, the commissioner of transportation and public facilities, determines in writing that it is advantageous to the state to use an innovative competitive procurement process in the procurement of new or unique requirements of the state, new technologies, or to achieve best value.

(b) The procurement officer shall submit a procurement plan to the Department of Law for review and approval as to form before issuing the notice required by (c) of this section.

(c) A procurement under this section is subject to the requirements of AS 36.30.130.

(d) Nothing in this section precludes the adoption of regulations providing for the use of bonuses instead of preferences in a procurement of construction.

* Sec. 24. AS 36.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 36.30.311. EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH JOB TRAINING PROGRAM PROCUREMENTS. A procurement of products manufactured or services provided by an employment program of the state or an accredited youth education and employment program may be made without competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals, in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner.

Sec. 36.30.313. CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PROCUREMENTS. A procurement of products or services provided by the correctional industries program established under AS 33.32 may be made without competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals, in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner.

* Sec. 25. AS 36.30.315 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.315. FALSE STATEMENTS IN DETERMINATIONS [BY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER]; CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) In a determination
made by a state official [THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER] under
AS 36.30.300 - 36.30.310, the state official making the determination [CHIEF
PROCUREMENT OFFICER] shall independently examine the material facts of the
procurement and independently determine whether the procurement is eligible for the
procurement method requested.

(b) If a state official [THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER] knowingly
makes a false statement in a determination made [BY THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT
OFFICER] under AS 36.30.300 - 36.30.310, the state official [CHIEF
PROCUREMENT OFFICER] is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

* Sec. 26. AS 36.30.320(a) is amended to read:

(a) A procurement for supplies, services, or professional services
[CONSTRUCTION] that does not exceed an aggregate dollar amount of $50,000,
construction that does not exceed an aggregate dollar amount of $100,000, or lease
of space that does not exceed 3,000 square feet [$25,000] may be made in
accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner for small procurements.

* Sec. 27. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 36.30.331. DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES. Supplies purchased under this
chapter shall be delivered at a location within the state unless the department
determines that a point of delivery outside the state would be in the best interest of the
state. A bid or proposal involving the procurement of supplies must specify the
delivery location and must state that the price is the delivered price at that location.

* Sec. 28. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 36.30.333. PROCUREMENT OF PAPER. Except as otherwise required
under AS 36.15.050, AS 36.30.322 - 36.30.332, and 36.30.334 - 36.30.338, when a
state agency purchases paper, at least 25 percent of the quantity purchased must be
recycled paper unless recycled paper is not available for the purchase or unless, after
application of the procurement preference under AS 36.30.339, the recycled paper is
more expensive than the nonrecycled paper.

* Sec. 29. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 36.30.335. PRODUCT PREFERENCES. This chapter does not modify
AS 36.15.010 and 36.15.020 regarding preference for Alaska forest products, or
AS 36.15.050 and 36.15.060 regarding preference for Alaska agricultural and fisheries products, except as provided in AS 36.30.170(b), (c), (e) - (h), and 36.30.339.

* Sec. 30. AS 36.30.520 is amended to read:

Sec. 36.30.520. RECORDS OF SINGLE [SOLE] SOURCE AND EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS. (a) The commissioner shall maintain for a minimum of five years a record listing all single [SOLE] source procurement contracts made under AS 36.30.300 and emergency procurements made under AS 36.30.310. The record must contain

(1) each contractor’s name;
(2) the amount and type of each contract; and
(3) a listing of the supplies, services, professional services, or construction procured under each contract.

(b) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and any agency to whom the commissioner of administration or the commissioner of transportation and public facilities has delegated procurement authority under AS 36.30.015 shall, by October 1 of each year, submit to the commissioner of administration records of the type specified in (a) of this section for emergency procurements made under AS 36.30.310. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall, even if procurement authority has been delegated under AS 36.30.015 to another agency, by October 1 of each year, submit to the commissioner of administration records of the type specified in (a) of this section for single source procurement contracts made under AS 36.30.300. The commissioner of administration shall maintain these records as required by (a) of this section.

* Sec. 31. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 36.30.522. RECORDS OF INNOVATIVE PROCUREMENTS. The commissioner and the contracting agency shall keep a file for each contract awarded under an innovative procurement process under AS 36.30.308. The file is subject to inspection under the same standards as described in AS 36.30.140(b) and 36.30.230. The file kept by the commissioner must contain a summary of the information in the file of the contracting agency. The file kept by the contracting agency must contain

(1) a copy of the contract;
(2) the written determination under AS 36.30.308(a);
(3) the procurement plan as approved as to form by the Department of Law;
(4) the record of notice under AS 36.30.130; and
(5) the record of respondents to solicitation.

* Sec. 32. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to article 9 to read:

Sec. 36.30.550. APPLICABILITY OF PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES. (a) Except for small procurements made under AS 36.30.320, the provisions of AS 36.30.560 - 36.30.615 apply to a solicitation, a proposed contract award, and an award of a contract for supplies, services, professional services, or construction.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for protest and appeal procedures of small procurements made under AS 36.30.320.

* Sec. 33. AS 36.30.565(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(a) A protest based on alleged improprieties or ambiguities in a solicitation must be filed at least 10 days before the due date of the bid or proposal, unless a later protest due date is specifically allowed in the solicitation. If a solicitation is made with a shortened public notice period and the protest is based on alleged improprieties or ambiguities in the solicitation, the protest must be filed before the due date of the bid or proposal. Notwithstanding the other provisions in this subsection, the protest of an invitation to bid or a request for proposals in which a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is held within 12 days of the due date must be filed before the due date of the bid or proposal if the protest is based on alleged improprieties or ambiguities in the solicitation. A protest based upon alleged improprieties in an award of a contract or a proposed award of a contract must be filed within 10 days after a notice of intent to award the contract is issued by the procurement officer.

* Sec. 34. AS 36.30.580(a) is amended to read:

(a) The procurement officer of the contracting agency shall issue a written decision containing the basis of the decision within 15 [14] days after a protest has been filed. A copy of the decision shall be furnished to the protester by certified mail or other method that provides evidence of receipt.
* Sec. 35.  AS 36.30.580(b) is amended to read:
(b) The time for a decision may be extended up to 30 [26] days for good cause by the commissioner of administration, or, for protests involving construction or procurements for the state equipment fleet, the commissioner of transportation and public facilities. If an extension is granted, the procurement officer shall notify the protester in writing of the date that the decision is due.

* Sec. 36.  AS 36.30.585 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
(c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this section, if a protest is sustained in whole or part, the protester's damages are limited to reasonable bid or proposal preparation costs.

* Sec. 37.  AS 36.30.605(a) is amended to read:
(a) The procurement officer of the contracting agency shall file a complete report on the protest and decision with the commissioner of administration or the commissioner of transportation and public facilities, as appropriate, within 10 [SEVEN] days after a protest appeal is filed. The procurement officer shall furnish a copy of the report to the protester and to interested parties that have requested a copy of the appeal under AS 36.30.595(b).

* Sec. 38.  AS 36.30.605(c) is amended to read:
(c) The protester may file comments on the protest report with the commissioner of administration or the commissioner of transportation and public facilities, as appropriate, within 10 [SEVEN] days after the report is received. The protester shall provide copies of the comments to the procurement officer and to interested parties that have requested a copy of the appeal under AS 36.30.595(b).

* Sec. 39.  AS 36.30.620(a) is amended to read:
(a) A contractor shall file a claim concerning a contract awarded under this chapter with the procurement officer. The contractor shall certify that the claim is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of the contractor’s knowledge and belief, and that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the contractor believes the state is liable.

Except for a lease rate adjustment called for in the lease, a claim under this section must be filed within 90 days after the contractor becomes aware of the
basis of the claim or should have known the basis of the claim, whichever is
earlier. A lease rate adjustment called for in the lease must be filed prior to the
expiration date of the lease.

* Sec. 40. AS 36.30.620 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
   (g) This section does not apply to payment disputes governed by
   AS 37.05.285.

* Sec. 41. AS 36.30.655 is amended to read:
   Sec. 36.30.655. LIST OF PERSONS DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED. The
   commissioner shall maintain a list of all persons debarred or suspended from
   consideration for award of contracts. The commissioner shall remove a person
debarred or suspended from the lists of contractors under AS 36.30.050 for the
   period of debarment or suspension.

* Sec. 42. AS 36.30.850(b)(23) is amended to read:
   (23) operation and protection of assets or disposals of equipment
   and supplies acquired through foreclosure or other legal proceedings relating to [OF]
   loans issued under AS 03.10;

* Sec. 43. AS 36.30.850(b) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:
   (34) procurements of contracts with the media for advertising;
   (35) purchases of livestock by a correctional industries program
   established under AS 33.32.

* Sec. 44. AS 36.30.910 is amended to read:
   Sec. 36.30.910. PURCHASES THROUGH GENERAL SERVICES
   ADMINISTRATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, [THIS
   CHAPTER DOES NOT PREVENT] purchasing through the general services
   administration or from federal supply schedules of the general services
   administration may be made without competitive sealed bidding, competitive
   sealed proposals, or other competition, so long as the purchasing is from persons
   located in the state in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner
   for purchases under this section and as provided under 41 U.S.C. 251 - 266 [BY
   LAW].

* Sec. 45. AS 36.30.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(22) "state official" means a public employee, public officer, or official of an agency.

* Sec. 46. AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

Sec. 44.99.030. LOBBYING CONTRACTS PROHIBITED. (a) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the following entities may not contract with a person to pay the person money or other thing of value to lobby the state, a municipality of the state, or an agency of the state or municipality:

(1) Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation;
(2) Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank;
(3) Alaska Energy Authority;
(4) Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;
(5) Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority;
(6) Alaska Medical Facility Authority;
(7) Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority;
(8) Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority;
(9) Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation;
(10) Alaska Railroad Corporation;
(11) Alaska Science and Technology Foundation;
(12) Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute;
(13) Alaska Student Loan Corporation;
(14) Alaska Tourism Marketing Council.

(b) In this section,

(1) "lobby a municipality or an agency of a municipality" means to engage in an activity for the purpose of influencing municipal legislative or administrative action if the activity is substantially the same as activity that would have required registration under AS 24.45.121 if the activity was for the purpose of influencing state legislative or administrative action;

(2) "lobby the state or an agency of the state" means to engage in an activity for which registration is required under AS 24.45.121.

* Sec. 47. Section 3, ch. 59, SLA 1994, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. AS 36.30.130(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:
(a) The procurement officer shall give adequate public notice of the invitation
to bid at least 21 days before the date for the opening of bids. If the procurement
officer determines [A DETERMINATION IS MADE] in writing that a shorter notice
period is advantageous [NECESSARY] for a particular bid and adequate
competition is anticipated, the 21-day period may be shortened. [THE
DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLIES, SERVICES, OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. THE
DETERMINATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR BIDS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE STATE
EQUIPMENT FLEET.] Notice shall be published in the Alaska Administrative
Journal. The time and manner of notice must be in accordance with regulations
adopted by the commissioner of administration. When practicable, notice may include
(1) publication in a newspaper calculated to reach prospective bidders;
(2) notices posted in public places within the area where the work is
to be performed or the material furnished; and
(3) notices mailed to all active prospective contractors on the
appropriate list maintained under AS 36.30.050.

* Sec. 48. (a) AS 36.30.015(c), 36.30.090, 36.30.095, 36.30.100(b), 36.30.850(b)(14),
and 36.30.900 are repealed.

(b) AS 36.30.320(b) is repealed.

* Sec. 49. REVISOR'S CHANGES. The revisor of statutes is requested to change the
heading of art. 5 of AS 36.30 from "Article 5. Preference for Alaska Products." to "Article 5.
Preferences." Additionally, the revisor of statutes is requested to renumber AS 36.30.339 to
AS 36.30.337, to place that section in art. 5 of AS 36.30.

* Sec. 50. TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. Notwithstanding secs. 54 - 56 of this Act,
the commissioner of administration and the commissioner of transportation and public facilities
may proceed to adopt regulations necessary to implement respective changes in law enacted
by secs. 7 - 45 and 47 - 56 of this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62
(Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the change in law under
secs. 7 - 45 and 47 - 56 of this Act.
* Sec. 51. APPLICABILITY. Notwithstanding the changes in law made by secs. 1 - 45 and 47 - 56 of this Act, the state agencies may continue to act on or consider a provision of a solicitation, notice of intent to award, or response to solicitation made before the effective date of the relevant change in law enacted by secs. 1 - 45 and 47 - 56 of this Act, to the extent that the provision is not inconsistent with a provision of secs. 1 - 45 and 47 - 56 of this Act.

* Sec. 52. FIRST LEASE EXTENSION REPORT. Notwithstanding AS 36.30.083(c), enacted by sec. 11 of this Act, the first lease extension report under AS 36.30.083(c) is due August 31, 1997, and must cover fiscal year 1997.

* Sec. 53. Sections 8 - 13, 15, 19, 24, 25, 27 - 29, 41 - 43, 45, 48(a), and 49 - 52 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

* Sec. 54. Sections 1 - 7, 14, 16 - 18, 20 - 23, 26, 30, 31, 33 - 40, 44, and 48(b) of this Act take effect September 30, 1996.

* Sec. 55. Section 32 of this Act takes effect January 1, 1997.

* Sec. 56. Section 47 of this Act takes effect August 22, 1998.