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

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* Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted by sec. 2(a), ch. 51, SLA 2003, is amended to read:

(a) The Department of Administration may enter into a pilot program under which the department contracts with a person from the private sector to provide [FOR THE DELIVERY OF] procurement services and to provide for the delivery of electronic commerce tools. Notwithstanding any other provision of AS 36.30, the contract shall be awarded under AS 36.30.100 - 36.30.190 [IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN AS 36.30].

* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted by sec. 2(b), ch. 51, SLA 2003, is amended to read:
(b) The pilot program authorized by (a) of this section may not apply to more than two state departments and two other instrumentalities of the state [AND MAY NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS IN LENGTH].

* Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted by sec. 2(c), ch. 51, SLA 2003, is amended to read:

(c) A procurement conducted by the person selected under (a) of this section is not subject to AS 36.30 or to AS 36.15. However, [WHERE PRACTICABLE,] the procurement is subject to (e) - (u) of this section [SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREFERENCES UNDER AS 36.15 AND AS 36.30.322 - 36.30.338].

* Sec. 4. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted by sec. 2(d), ch. 51, SLA 2003, is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(2) "agency" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.990;
(3) "agricultural products" has the meaning given in AS 36.15.050(g);
(4) "Alaska bidder" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.170(b);
(5) "Alaska product" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.338;
(6) "contract" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.990;
(7) "employment program" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.990;
(8) "person" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.990;
(9) "person with a disability" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.170;
(10) "program contractor" means the contractor selected by the department to manage the program;
(11) "qualifying entity" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.170(e);
(12) "recycled Alaska product" has the meaning given in AS 36.30.338.

* Sec. 5. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted by sec. 2, ch. 51, SLA 2003, is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) A contract based on solicited bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaska bidder preference of five percent has been applied for evaluation purposes.

(f) If a bidder qualifies as an Alaska bidder and is offering services through an
employment program, a 15 percent cost preference shall be applied during evaluation.

(g) If a bidder is an Alaska bidder and is a qualifying entity, a 10 percent cost preference shall be applied during evaluation.

(h) If a bidder is an Alaska bidder and if 50 percent or more of the bidder's employees at the time the bid is submitted are persons with disabilities, a 10 percent cost preference shall be applied during evaluation. The contract must contain a promise by the bidder that the percentage of the bidder's employees who are persons with disabilities will remain at 50 percent or more during the contract term.

(i) Insurance-related contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaska bidder preference of five percent has been applied during evaluation. In this subsection, "Alaska bidder" means a person who is an Alaska bidder and an Alaska domestic insurer.

(j) Alaska products shall be used whenever practicable. Recycled Alaska products shall be used when they are of comparable quality, of equivalent price, and appropriate for the intended use.

(k) If a bid indicates that the product being purchased will be a recycled Alaska product, a cost preference of five percent shall be applied during evaluation.

(l) In a project financed by state money in which the use of timber, lumber, and manufactured lumber products is required, only timber, lumber, and manufactured lumber products originating in this state from local forests shall be used wherever practicable.

(m) When agricultural products are purchased, a seven percent cost preference shall be applied during evaluation to agricultural products harvested in the state.

(n) When fisheries products are purchased, a seven percent cost preference shall be applied during evaluation to fisheries products harvested or processed within the jurisdiction of the state.

(o) If a bid or offer designates the use of an Alaska product that is identified in the contract specifications and designated as a Class I, Class II, or Class III state product under AS 36.30.332, a cost preference equal to the percentage established for the class under AS 36.30.332(c) shall be applied to the product during evaluation. The program contractor shall use the Alaska product preference list, as described in
regulations of the department, as the basis for establishing the percentage of Alaska
product preference.

(p) If a contractor designates the use of an Alaska product in a bid or proposal
and fails to use the designated product for a reason within the contractor's control,
each payment under the contract shall be reduced according to the schedule in
AS 36.30.330(a).

(q) Except as provided under (r) of this section, all preferences are cumulative
and shall be applied in the order referenced under (e) - (r) of this section.

(r) A bidder may not receive a preference under this section under both (e) and
(f), (e) and (g), or (f) and (g) for the same contract.

(s) In order to qualify for a preference under (f), (g), or (h) of this section, a
bidder shall add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising
the services provided, or a bidder shall have sold supplies of the general nature
solicited to another agency, to another government, or to the general public.

(t) When awarding a contract under competitive sealed proposals, the program
contractor shall consider the preferences described in this section. Applicable
preferences shall be applied solely to the cost portion of the proposals during
evaluation.

(u) Informal procurements conducted by the program contractor are subject to
the preferences described in this section.

* Sec. 6. Section 3, ch. 51, SLA 2003, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Section 2 of this Act is repealed July 1, 2007 [2006].

* Sec. 7. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
read:

APPLICABILITY. Nothing in this Act affects the validity of actions taken by the
Department of Administration under ch. 51, SLA 2003, before the effective date of this Act.