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HOUSE BILL No. 2442

By Social Services Budget Committee

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AN ACT concerning individuals with disabilities; relating to employment
 and competitive bids for state contracts; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp.
 75-3739 and 75-3740 and repealing the existing sections.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 75-3739 is hereby amended to read as 7 follows: 75-3739. In the manner as provided in this act and rules and 8 regulations established thereunder:

9 (a) All contracts for construction and repairs, and all purchases of and 10 contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services to be 11 acquired for state agencies shall be based on competitive bids, except that 12 competitive bids need not be required in the following instances:

13 (1) For contractual services, supplies, materials, or equipment when,
 14 in the judgment of the director of purchases, no competition exists;

(2) when, in the judgment of the director of purchases, chemicals and
other material or equipment for use in laboratories or experimental studies
by state agencies are best purchased without competition, or where rates
are fixed by law or ordinance;

(3) when, in the judgment of the director of purchases, an agency
 emergency requires immediate delivery of supplies, materials or
 equipment, or immediate performance of services;

(4) when any statute authorizes another procedure or provides anexemption from the provisions of this section;

(5) when compatibility with existing contractual services, supplies,materials or equipment is the overriding consideration;

26 (6) when a used item becomes available and is subject to immediate27 sale; or

(7) when, in the judgment of the director of purchases and the head of
 the acquiring state agency, not seeking competitive bids is in the best
 interest of the state.

31 When the director of purchases approves a purchase of or contract for 32 supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services in any instance 33 specified in this subsection, the director may delegate authority to make 34 the purchase or enter the contract under conditions and procedures

1 prescribed by the director. Except for purchases or contracts entered into 2 without a competitive bid under subsection (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(6) or 3 subsection (h), no purchase or contract entered into without a competitive 4 bid for an amount in excess of \$100,000 shall be entered into by the head of any state agency or approved by the director of purchases unless the 5 6 director of purchases first posts an online notice of the proposed purchase 7 or contract at least seven days before the purchase or contract is awarded. 8 The director of purchases shall provide notice thereof to members of the 9 legislature at the beginning of each calendar year that such information 10 will be posted and the director of the division of purchases shall provide the uniform resource locator (URL) and the number of times such 11 12 information shall be available. In the event a written protest of the 13 awarding of such a contract occurs during the seven-day notice period, the director of purchases shall request from the protestor the contact 14 15 information, including name and mailing address, of the person or entity 16 that has expressed an interest in supplying the goods or services and 17 provide a copy of the specification to the person or entity that has 18 expressed an interest in supplying the goods or services and verify that 19 such person or entity is interested and capable of supplying such goods or 20 services.

Upon satisfaction of the director of purchases regarding the validity of the protest and the existence of competition, the director of purchases shall proceed with a competitive procurement. A competitive procurement shall not be required when, in the judgment of the director of purchases, the validity of the protest cannot be determined or competition for such goods or services cannot be verified by the director of purchases.

The director of purchases shall prepare a detailed report at least once in each calendar quarter of all contracts over \$5,000 entered into without competitive bids under subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6) or (7). The director shall submit the report to the legislative coordinating council, the chairperson of the committee on ways and means of the senate and the chairperson of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives.

34 (b) (1) If the amount of the purchase is estimated to exceed \$50,000, 35 sealed bids shall be solicited by notice published once in the Kansas 36 register not less than 10 days before the date stated in the notice for the 37 opening of the bids. The director of purchases may waive this publication 38 of notice requirement when the director determines that a more timely 39 procurement is in the best interest of the state. The director of purchases 40 also may designate a trade journal for the publication. The director of 41 purchases also shall solicit such bids by sending notices by mail to prospective bidders and by posting the notice on a public bulletin board for 42 43 at least 10 business days before the date stated in the notice for the

opening of the bids unless otherwise provided by law. All bids shall be
 sealed when received and shall be opened in public at the hour stated in
 the notice.

4 (2) The director of purchases shall prepare a detailed report at least 5 once in each calendar quarter of all instances in which the director waived 6 publication of the notice of bid solicitations in the Kansas register as 7 provided in this subsection. The director shall submit the report to the 8 legislative coordinating council, the chairperson of the committee on ways 9 and means of the senate and the chairperson of the committee on 10 appropriations of the house of representatives.

(c) All purchases estimated to exceed approximately \$25,000 but not
 more than \$50,000, shall be made after receipt of sealed bids following at
 least three days' notice posted on a public bulletin board.

14 (d) All purchases estimated to be more than \$5,000, but less than 15 \$25,000, may be made after the receipt of three or more bid solicitations 16 by telephone, telephone facsimile or sealed bid, following at least three 17 days' notice posted on a public bulletin board. Such bids shall be recorded 18 as provided in subsection (e)(f) of K.S.A. 75-3740, and amendments 19 thereto. Any purchase that is estimated to be less than \$5,000 may be 20 purchased under conditions and procedures prescribed by the director of 21 purchases. Purchases made in compliance with such conditions and 22 procedures shall be exempt from other provisions of this section.

23 (e) With the approval of the secretary of administration, the director 24 of purchases may delegate authority to any state agency to make purchases 25 of less than \$25,000 under certain prescribed conditions and procedures. 26 The director of purchases shall prepare a report at least once in each 27 calendar quarter of all current and existing delegations of authority to state 28 agencies as provided in this subsection. The director shall submit the 29 report to the legislative coordinating council, the chairperson of the 30 committee on ways and means of the senate and the chairperson of the 31 committee on appropriations of the house of representatives.

32 (f) Subject to the provisions of subsection (e), contracts and 33 purchases shall be based on specifications approved by the director of 34 purchases. When deemed applicable and feasible by the director of 35 purchases, such specifications shall include either energy efficiency 36 standards or appropriate life cycle cost formulas, or both, for all supplies, 37 materials, equipment and contractual services to be purchased by the state. 38 The director of purchases may reject a contract or purchase on the basis 39 that a product is manufactured or assembled outside the United States. No 40 such specifications shall be fixed in a manner to effectively exclude any 41 responsible bidder offering comparable supplies, materials, equipment or 42 contractual services.

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(g) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all contracts with

independent construction concerns for the construction, improvement,
 reconstruction and maintenance of the state highway system and the
 acquisition of rights-of-way for state highway purposes shall be advertised
 and let as now or hereafter provided by law.

5 (h) The director of purchases may authorize state agencies to contract 6 for services and materials with other state agencies, or with federal 7 agencies, political subdivisions of Kansas, agencies of other states or 8 subdivisions thereof, or private nonprofit educational institutions, without 9 competitive bids.

(i) The director of purchases may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or
administer a cooperative purchasing agreement or consortium for
purchases of supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services with
federal agencies or agencies of other states or local units of government.
Cooperative purchasing agreements entered into under this subsection
shall not be subject to K.S.A. 75-3739 through 75-3740a, and amendments
thereto.

17 (j) The director of purchases may delegate authority to any state 18 agency to make purchases under certain prescribed conditions and 19 procedures when the acquisition is funded, in whole or in part, from a 20 grant. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k) of this section, 21 purchases made in compliance with such conditions and procedures shall 22 be exempt from other provisions of this section. As used in this subsection 23 the term "grant" means a disbursement made from federal or private funds, 24 or a combination of these sources, to a state agency. Nothing in this 25 subsection shall allow federal grant moneys to be handled differently from any other moneys of the state unless the requirements of the applicable 26 27 federal grant specifically require such federal moneys to be handled 28 differently.

(k) The director of purchases shall prepare a detailed report at least once each calendar quarter of all contracts over \$5,000 for services, supplies, materials or equipment entered into pursuant to subsection (h), (i) or (j) and submit it to the legislative coordinating council, the chairperson of the committee on ways and means of the senate and the chairperson of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives.

(1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no state agency
shall enter into any lease of real property without the prior approval of the
secretary of administration. A state agency shall submit to the secretary of
administration such information relating to any proposed lease of real
property as the secretary may require. The secretary of administration shall
either approve, modify and approve or reject any such proposed lease.

(m) The director of purchases shall require all bidders on state
contracts to disclose all substantial interests held by the bidder in the state.
(n) As used in article 37 of chapter 75 of the Kansas Statutes

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Annotated, and amendments thereto, and other statutory provisions
 concerning state procurement, "sealed bids," "bulletin boards" and "mail"
 shall include electronic bids, electronic bulletin boards and electronic mail
 when such items are utilized in accordance with procedures prescribed by
 the director of purchases.

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 75-3740 is hereby amended to read as 7 follows: 75-3740. (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) and K.S.A. 75-8 3740b, and amendments thereto, all contracts and purchases made by or 9 under the supervision of the director of purchases or any state agency for which competitive bids are required shall be awarded to the lowest 10 responsible bidder, taking into consideration conformity with the 11 12 specifications, terms of delivery, and other conditions imposed in the call 13 for bids.

14 (b) A contract shall be awarded to a certified business which is also a 15 responsible bidder, whose bid total bid cost is not more than 10% higher 16 than the lowest competitive bid. Such contract shall contain a promise by 17 the certified business that the percentage of employees that are individuals with disabilities will be maintained throughout the contract term and a 18 19 condition that the certified business shall not subcontract for goods or 20 services in an aggregate amount of more than 25% of the total bid 21 cost.

22 (b)(c) The director of purchases shall have power to decide as to the 23 lowest responsible bidder for all purchases, but if:

24 (1)(A) A responsible bidder purchases from a qualified vendor products or services on the list certified by the director of purchases 25 pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3317 et seq., and amendments thereto, the dollar 26 27 amount of such purchases made during the previous calendar year shall 28 be deducted from the original bid received from such bidder for the 29 purpose of determining the lowest responsible bid, except that such 30 deduction shall not exceed 10% of the original bid received from such 31 bidder; or

(B) a responsible bidder purchases from a certified business the
dollar amount of such purchases made during the previous calendar year
shall be deducted from the original bid received from such bidder for the
purpose of determining the lowest responsible bid, except that such
deduction shall not exceed 10% of the original bid received from such
bidder;

42 (2)(3) in the case of bids for paper products specified in K.S.A. 75-43 3740b, *and amendments thereto*, the dollar amounts of the bids received from two or more lowest responsible bidders are identical, the contract
 shall be awarded to the bidder whose bid is for those paper products
 containing the highest percentage of recycled materials.

4 (e)(d) Any or all bids may be rejected, and a bid shall be rejected if it contains any material alteration or erasure made after the bid is opened. 5 6 The director of purchases may reject the bid of any bidder who is in 7 arrears on taxes due the state, who is not properly registered to collect and 8 remit taxes due the state or who has failed to perform satisfactorily on a 9 previous contract with the state. The secretary of revenue is hereby 10 authorized to exchange such information with the director of purchases as is necessary to effectuate the preceding sentence notwithstanding any other 11 12 provision of law prohibiting disclosure of the contents of taxpayer records 13 or information. Prior to determining the lowest responsible bidder on 14 contracts for construction of buildings or for major repairs or 15 improvements to buildings for state agencies, the director of purchases 16 shall consider: (1) The criteria and information developed by the secretary 17 of administration, with the advice of the state building advisory 18 commission to rate contractors on the basis of their performance under 19 similar contracts with the state, local governmental entities and private 20 entities, in addition to other criteria and information available;; and (2) the 21 recommendations of the project architect, or, if there is no project 22 architect, the recommendations of the secretary of administration or the 23 agency architect for the project as provided in K.S.A. 75-1254, and 24 amendments thereto. In any case where competitive bids are required and 25 where all bids are rejected, new bids shall be called for as in the first 26 instance, unless otherwise expressly provided by law or the state agency 27 elects not to proceed with the procurement.

28 Before the awarding of any contract for construction of a (d)(e) 29 building or the making of repairs or improvements upon any building for a 30 state agency, the director of purchases shall receive written approval from 31 the state agency for which the building construction project has been 32 approved, that the bids generally conform with the plans and specifications 33 prepared by the project architect, by the secretary of administration or by 34 the agency architect for the project, as the case may be, so as to avoid error 35 and mistake on the part of the contractors. In all cases where material 36 described in a contract can be obtained from any state institution, the 37 director of purchases shall exclude the same from the contract.

38 (c)(f) All bids with the names of the bidders and the amounts thereof, 39 together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract, shall be 40 made a part of a file or record and retained by the director of purchases for 41 five years, unless reproduced as provided in K.S.A. 75-3737, and 42 amendments thereto, and shall be open to public inspection at all 43 reasonable times. (g) As used in this section:

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2 (1) "Certified business" means any business certified annually by the
3 department of administration that is a sole proprietorship, partnership,
4 association or corporation domiciled in Kansas, or any corporation, even
5 if a wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign corporation, that:

6 (A) Does business primarily in Kansas or substantially all of its 7 production in Kansas;

8 *(B)* employs at least 20% full-time employees in Kansas that are 9 individuals with disabilities; and

(C) contributes at least 70% of the total health insurance premium. 10 cost annually for all employees; offers to contribute at least 70% of the 11 premium cost for individual health insurance coverage for each 12 employee. The level of such coverage shall be at least equal to the level 13 of benefits offered by the state employee benefit program established 14 by K.S.A. 75-6501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The department 15 16 of administration shall require a certification of these facts as a 17 condition to the certified business being awarded a contract pursuant 18 to subsection (b); and

(D) does not employ individuals under a certificate issued by the
 United States secretary of labor under subsection (c) of 29 U.S.C. §
 214; and

(E) participates in e-verify for verification of employment
 eligibility of all new employees hired on and after the effective date of
 this act;

(2) "full-time" means employment of persons residing in this state
and working at least 40 hours per week in this state, which has a minimum
six-month duration during any twelve-month period;

(3) "individuals with disabilities" or "individual with a disability"
means any individual certified by the department of social and
rehabilitation services as having a physical or mental impairment which
constitutes a substantial barrier to employment and:

(A) Is receiving services, has received services or is eligible to
 receive services under a home and community based services program, as
 defined by this section; or

(B) is employed by a charitable organization domiciled in the state of
Kansas and exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section
501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended; or

(C) is an individual with a severe and persistent mental illness, as
 determined by a clinical or functional assessment approved by the
 secretary of social and rehabilitation services;

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(4) "physical or mental impairment" means:

42 (A) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement

43 or anatomical loss substantially affecting one or more of the following

body systems: Neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs;
 respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive;
 digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; or endocrine; or

4 (B) any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation 5 intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, mental illness, and 6 specific learning disabilities. The term "physical or mental impairment" 7 includes, but is not limited to, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, 8 visual, speech and hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular 9 dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and mental retardation intellectual

10 disability; and

(f) As used in this section and in K.S.A. 75-3741, and amendments
 thereto,(5) "project architect" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in
 K.S.A. 75-1251, and amendments thereto.

(h) Any state agency authorized by the director of purchases to
make purchases pursuant to subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3739, and
amendments thereto, shall consider any unsolicited proposal for goods
or services under this section.

(i) The secretary of administration and the secretary of social and
 rehabilitation services, jointly, shall adopt rules and regulations as
 necessary to effectuate the purpose of this section.

21 (*i*)(**j**) On and after January 1, 2014, at the beginning of each regular 22 session of the legislature, the secretary of administration and the secretary 23 of social and rehabilitation services shall submit to the social services 24 budget committee of the house of representatives and the appropriate 25 subcommittee of the committee on ways and means of the senate, a written 26 report on:

(1) The number of certified businesses certified by the department of
 administration during the previous calendar year;

(2) the number of certified businesses awarded contracts pursuant to
 subsection (b) during the previous calendar year;

(3) the number of individuals with disabilities removed from or
 reinstated to services under a home and community based services
 program or other medicaid program services during the previous
 calendar year as a result of full-time employment with a certified business;
 and

36 (4) savings resulting from the removal of individuals with disabilities
37 from services under a home and community based services program or
38 other medicaid program services during the previous calendar year as a
39 result of full-time employment with a certified business.

40 $(i)(\mathbf{k})$ On or before January 1, 2014, and every six months thereafter, 41 a certified business awarded a contract pursuant to subsection (b) during 42 the previous year shall submit a report to the director of purchases that

43 *includes, but is not limited to:*

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(1) The number of contracts awarded under subsection (b) to the 1 2 certified business during the previous six months;

(2) the number of full-time individuals employed by the certified 3 4 business during the previous six months;

5 (3) the number of full-time individuals with disabilities employed by 6 the certified business during the previous six months; and

7 (4) such other matters relating to certified businesses as the secretary 8 of administration deems appropriate. 9

New Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Certified business" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in 10 11 K.S.A. 75-3740, and amendments thereto;

(2) "full-time" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 75-12 13 3740, and amendments thereto;

14 (3) "home and community based services programs" shall have the 15 meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 39-7,100, and amendments thereto;

16 (4) "individuals with disabilities" or "individual with a disability" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 75-3740, and 17 18 amendments thereto:

19 (5) "medicaid program" means the Kansas program of medical 20 assistance for which federal or state moneys, or any combination 21 thereof, are expended as administered by the department of social and 22 rehabilitation services, or its fiscal agent, or any successor federal or state, or both, health insurance program or waiver granted 23 24 thereunder:

25 (6) "physical or mental impairment" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 75-3740, and amendments thereto; and 26

(6)(7) "secretary" means the secretary of social and rehabilitation 27 28 services or the secretary's designee.

(b) There is a rebuttable presumption that an individual with a 29 disability shall be eligible for reinstatement to the level of home and 30 31 community based services or other medicaid program services such 32 person was entitled to on the day preceding the day such person stopped 33 receiving home and community based services or other medicaid 34 program services if:

35 (1) Within 12 months prior to the month in which an individual with a 36 disability files a request for reinstatement, Such individual had received 37 services under a home and community based services program or other 38 medicaid program services pursuant to an application filed with the 39 department of social and rehabilitation services, and entitlement to receive or receipt of services under a home and community based services 40 41 program or other medicaid program services terminated due to full-time 42 employment for a certified business, not medical recovery or any other 43 reason; and

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1 (2) the individual with a disability is currently under a physical or 2 mental impairment that was the basis for the finding of disability that gave 3 rise to the entitlement for the services specified in subsection (b)(1); and

4 5 (3) such physical or mental impairment renders the individual with a disability unable to perform full-time employment for a certified business.

6 Entitlement to services received under any home and community based 7 services program shall be reinstated in any case where an individual with a 8 disability files a request for reinstatement of services under a home and 9 community based services program conforming to the requirements of this 10 section. Upon reinstatement to a home and community based servicesprogram. Upon reinstatement to the medicaid program to receive home 11 12 and community based services or other medicaid program services, such individual shall receive services and not wait to receive services 13 14 under such program.

15 (c) Requests for reinstatement of services under a home and-16 community based services program shall be filed with the department of 17 social and rehabilitation services within three months after cessation of work for a certified business. In the case of an individual with a disability 18 19 who fails to timely file a request for reinstatement of services under ahome and community based services program, the secretary or the 20 21 secretary's designee may extend the filing period if the secretary or the 22 secretary's designee determines that such person had good cause for the 23 failure to file. A request for reinstatement of services under a home and community based services program shall be filed on a form provided by 24 25 the department of social and rehabilitation services.

(d) The secretary may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to
 effectuate the purpose of this section.

28 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 75-3739 and 75-3740 are hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after

30 January 1, 2013, and its publication in the statute book.

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