

HOUSE BILL No. 4850

September 9, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Darany, Glardon, Vaupel and LaVoy and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled
"The management and budget act,"
by amending section 261 (MCL 18.1261), as amended by 2012 PA 555.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 261. (1) The department shall provide for the purchase
2 of, the contracting for, and the providing of supplies, materials,
3 services, insurance, utilities, third party financing, equipment,
4 printing, and all other items as needed by state agencies for which
5 the legislature has not otherwise expressly provided. If consistent
6 with federal statutes, in all purchases made by the department, all
7 other things being equal, preference shall be given to products
8 manufactured or services offered by Michigan-based firms or by
9 facilities with respect to which the operator is designated as a
10 clean corporate citizen under part 14 of the natural resources and
11 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.1401 to

1 ~~324.1427.~~**324.1429, OR TO BIOBASED PRODUCTS.** The department shall
2 solicit competitive bids from the private sector whenever
3 practicable to efficiently and effectively meet the state's needs.
4 The department shall first determine that competitive solicitation
5 of bids in the private sector is not appropriate before using any
6 other procurement method for an acquisition.

7 (2) The department shall make all discretionary decisions
8 concerning the solicitation, award, amendment, cancellation, and
9 appeal of state contracts.

10 (3) The department shall utilize competitive solicitation for
11 all purchases authorized under this act unless 1 or more of the
12 following apply:

13 (a) Procurement of goods or services is necessary for the
14 imminent protection of public health or safety or to mitigate an
15 imminent threat to public health or safety, as determined by the
16 director or his or her designated representative.

17 (b) Procurement of goods or services is for emergency repair
18 or construction caused by unforeseen circumstances when the repair
19 or construction is necessary to protect life or property.

20 (c) Procurement of goods or services is in response to a
21 declared state of emergency or state of disaster under the
22 emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 to 30.421.

23 (d) Procurement of goods or services is in response to a
24 declared state of emergency under 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33.

25 (e) Procurement of goods or services is in response to a
26 declared state of energy emergency under 1982 PA 191, MCL 10.81 to
27 10.89.

1 (f) Procurement of goods or services is within a state
2 agency's purchasing authority delegated under subsection (4), and
3 the state agency has established policies or procedures approved by
4 the department to ensure that goods or services are purchased by
5 the state agency at fair and reasonable prices.

6 (4) The department may delegate its procurement authority to
7 other state agencies within dollar limitations and for designated
8 types of procurements. The department may withdraw delegated
9 authority upon a finding that a state agency did not comply with
10 departmental procurement directives.

11 (5) The department may enter into lease purchases or
12 installment purchases for periods not exceeding the anticipated
13 useful life of the items purchased unless otherwise prohibited by
14 law.

15 (6) The department shall issue directives for the procurement,
16 receipt, inspection, and storage of supplies, materials, and
17 equipment, and for printing and services needed by state agencies.
18 The department shall provide standard specifications and standards
19 of performance applicable to purchases.

20 (7) The department may enter into a cooperative purchasing
21 agreement with 1 or more other states or public entities for the
22 purchase of goods, including, but not limited to, recycled goods,
23 and services necessary for state programs.

24 (8) In awarding a contract under this section, the department
25 shall give a preference of up to 10% of the amount of the contract
26 to a qualified disabled veteran. If the qualified disabled veteran
27 otherwise meets the requirements of the contract solicitation and

1 with the preference is the lowest bidder, the department shall
2 enter into a procurement contract with the qualified disabled
3 veteran under this act. If 2 or more qualified disabled veterans
4 are the lowest bidders on a contract, all other things being equal,
5 the qualified disabled veteran with the lowest bid shall be awarded
6 the contract under this act.

7 (9) It is the goal of the department to award each year not
8 less than 5% of its total expenditures for construction, goods, and
9 services to qualified disabled veterans. The department may count
10 toward its 5% yearly goal described in this subsection that portion
11 of all procurement contracts in which the business entity that
12 received the procurement contract subcontracts with a qualified
13 disabled veteran. Each year, the department shall report to each
14 house of the legislature on all of the following for the
15 immediately preceding 12-month period:

16 (a) The number of qualified disabled veterans who submitted a
17 bid for a state procurement contract.

18 (b) The number of qualified disabled veterans who entered into
19 procurement contracts with this state and the total value of those
20 procurement contracts.

21 (c) Whether the department achieved the goal described in this
22 subsection.

23 (d) The recommendations described in subsection (10).

24 (10) Each year, the department shall review the progress of
25 all state agencies in meeting the 5% goal with input from statewide
26 veterans service organizations and from the business community,
27 including businesses owned by qualified disabled veterans, and

1 shall make recommendations to each house of the legislature
2 regarding continuation, increases, or decreases in the percentage
3 goal. The recommendations shall be based upon the number of
4 businesses that are owned by qualified disabled veterans and on the
5 continued need to encourage and promote businesses owned by
6 qualified disabled veterans.

7 (11) To assist the department in reaching the goal described
8 in subsection (9), the governor shall recommend to the legislature
9 changes in programs to assist businesses owned by qualified
10 disabled veterans.

11 (12) As used in this section:

12 (A) **"BIOBASED PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT GRANTED THE UNITED**
13 **STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CERTIFIED BIOBASED PRODUCT LABEL.**

14 (B) ~~(a)~~-"Qualified disabled veteran" means a business entity
15 that is 51% or more owned by 1 or more veterans with a service-
16 connected disability.

17 (C) ~~(b)~~-"Service-connected disability" means a disability
18 incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military,
19 naval, or air service as described in 38 USC 101(16).

20 (D) ~~(c)~~-"Veteran" means a person who served in the ~~army, air~~
21 ~~force, navy, marine corps, or coast guard~~ **ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY,**
22 **MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD** and who was discharged or released
23 from his or her service with an honorable or general discharge.

24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
25 after the date it is enacted into law.