

Introduced by Senator Margett

January 30, 2007

An act to amend Section 1601 of the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 161, as introduced, Margett. Public works contracts: Internet submissions.

Existing public contract law authorizes public entities to adopt methods and procedures to receive bids on public works or other contracts over the Internet, as specified.

This bill would authorize public entities to receive supporting materials submitted pursuant to a public works contract over the Internet, as specified. This bill would require public entities that receive bids and supporting materials over the Internet to provide an electronic receipt to the contractor, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1601 of the Public Contract Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1601. (a) Any public entity may adopt methods and procedures
4 to ~~receive~~ *do any of the following:*
5 (1) *Receive* bids on public works or other contracts over the
6 Internet, but only if no bid can be opened before the bid deadline
7 and all bids can be verified as authentic.

1 (2) *Receive supporting materials submitted pursuant to a public*
2 *works contract over the Internet. For purposes of this section,*
3 *“supporting materials” includes, but is not limited to, payment*
4 *requests, shop drawings, schedules, notices of claims, and certified*
5 *payrolls.*
6 (b) *If a public entity allows or requires bids or supporting*
7 *materials to be submitted over the Internet pursuant to this section,*
8 *the public entity shall provide for an electronic receipt to be*
9 *transmitted to the contractor showing the date and time the*
10 *submission was received.*

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