
HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises various provisions relating to public procurement. Exempts from public records law for sealed bids or proposals until 10 days after they are opened or until the agency provides notice of a decision, whichever is earlier. Requires the Division of Purchasing of the Department of General Services to post notice of decisions relating to exceptional purchases. Exempts agency-approved membership dues from the provisions of part I of ch. 287, F.S. Modifies the definition of "commodity" to include mobile homes, trailers, and portable structures and exclude certain medical drugs, supplies, and devices required in providing certain health services.

Defines "exceptional purchase" and "term contract." Provides powers and duties of the division with respect to term contracts, and provides procedures for actions protesting a term contract or exceptional purchase decision. Requires a bond and provides for hearings and payment of attorney's fees and costs. Provides that commodities acquired incidental to the acquisition of services are deemed a contract for the acquisition or purchase of services. Increases from \$600 to \$3,000 (CATEGORY ONE to CATEGORY TWO) the threshold amount for contractual services requiring a written agreement. Requires certification of a valid emergency precluding execution of a written agreement within 30 days after initiation of services. Exempts from competitive bid requirements certain emergency purchases needed to avoid emergency placement. Authorizes the Comptroller to waive requirements for written agreements for certain services, which are exempt from the definition of "contractual services."