

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25088

This legislation, recommended by the State Procurement Laws Interim Committee, revises an existing statute that allows the Administrator of the Division of Purchasing to award contracts to more than one vendor in a single solicitation under certain circumstances. The purpose of this legislation is to clarify such circumstances and to specify that multiple contract awards can be made on a regional basis. This would enable the Administrator to grant contracts to vendors in, for example, northern Idaho, western Idaho and eastern Idaho, respectively, to serve the difference regions when such a division would make sense. On-site services, such as janitorial services, might be procured more cost-effectively on a regional rather than statewide basis.

This legislation also allows the Administrator to make a multiple award if the multiple award would "serve the best interest of the state." This provision enables the Administrator to make a multiple award in circumstances other than those listed when there would be a specific advantage to the state in doing so.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated fiscal impact specifically associated with this legislation, which is primarily intended to clarify existing language. However, this clarification might make it easier for the Division of Purchasing to make multiple awards in circumstances where it would be cost-effective to do so, thus saving the state money on those procurements.

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