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AN ACT Relating to bid limits; amending RCW 28B.50.330, 28B.10.350,
 35.22.620, 35.23.352, 35A.40.210, 36.32.235, 36.32.250, 52.14.110,
 35.61.135, 70.44.140, and 87.03.437; and reenacting and amending RCW
 57.08.050.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 Sec. 1. RCW 28B.50.330 and 2007 c 495 s 2 are each amended to read 7 as follows:

(1) The boards of trustees of college districts are empowered in 8 9 accordance with the provisions of this chapter to provide for the 10 construction, reconstruction, erection, equipping, demolition, and 11 major alterations of buildings and other capital assets, and the acquisition of sites, rights-of-way, easements, improvements, or 12 13 appurtenances for the use of the aforementioned colleges as authorized 14 by the college board in accordance with RCW 28B.50.140; to be financed 15 by bonds payable out of special funds from revenues hereafter derived 16 from income received from such facilities, gifts, bequests, or grants, 17 and such additional funds as the legislature may provide, and payable 18 out of a bond retirement fund to be established by the respective 19 district boards in accordance with rules ((and regulations)) of the

state board. With respect to building, improvements, or repairs, or 1 2 other work, where the estimated cost exceeds ((fifty-five)) ninety thousand dollars, or ((thirty-five)) forty-five thousand dollars if the 3 4 work involves one trade or craft area, complete plans and specifications for the work shall be prepared, the work shall be put 5 6 out for a public bid, and the contract shall be awarded to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest responsive bid. Any project 7 8 regardless of dollar amount may be put to public bid.

9 (2) This section does not apply when a contract is awarded by the 10 small works roster procedure authorized in RCW 39.04.155.

(3) Where the estimated cost to any college of any building, improvements, or repairs, or other work, is less than ((fifty-five)) <u>ninety</u> thousand dollars, or ((thirty-five)) forty-five thousand dollars if the work involves one trade or craft area, the publication requirements of RCW 39.04.020 do not apply.

16 Sec. 2. RCW 28B.10.350 and 2007 c 495 s 1 are each amended to read 17 as follows:

18 (1) When the cost to The Evergreen State College or any regional or state university of any building, construction, renovation, remodeling, 19 20 or demolition, other than maintenance or repairs, will equal or exceed 21 the sum of ((fifty five)) ninety thousand dollars, or ((thirty five)) forty-five thousand dollars if the work involves one trade or craft 22 23 area, complete plans and specifications for the work shall be prepared, the work shall be put out for public bid, and the contract shall be 24 25 awarded to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest responsive 26 bid.

(2) Any building, construction, renovation, remodeling, or
demolition project that exceeds the dollar amounts in subsection (1) of
this section is subject to the provisions of chapter 39.12 RCW.

30 (3) The Evergreen State College or any regional or state university 31 may require a project to be put to public bid even when it is not 32 required to do so under subsection (1) of this section. Any project 33 publicly bid under this subsection is subject to the provisions of 34 chapter 39.12 RCW.

35 (4) Where the estimated cost of any building, construction, 36 renovation, remodeling, or demolition is less than ((fifty-five))

<u>ninety</u> thousand dollars or the contract is awarded by the small works roster procedure authorized in RCW 39.04.155, the publication requirements of RCW 39.04.020 do not apply.

4 (5) In the event of any emergency when the public interest or 5 property of The Evergreen State College or a regional or state university would suffer material injury or damage by delay, the 6 7 president of such college or university may declare the existence of an 8 emergency and, reciting the facts constituting the same, may waive the requirements of this section with reference to any contract in order to 9 10 correct the condition causing the emergency. For the purposes of this 11 section, "emergency" means a condition likely to result in immediate physical injury to persons or to property of the college or university 12 13 in the absence of prompt remedial action or a condition which 14 immediately impairs the institution's ability to perform its 15 educational obligations.

16 (6) This section does not apply when a contract is awarded by the 17 small works roster procedure authorized in RCW 39.04.155 or under any 18 other procedure authorized for an institution of higher education.

19 Sec. 3. RCW 35.22.620 and 2002 c 94 s 1 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

(1) As used in this section, the term "public works" means as defined in RCW 39.04.010.

23 (2) A first-class city may have public works performed by contract pursuant to public notice and call for competitive bids. As limited by 24 25 subsection (3) of this section, a first-class city may have public 26 works performed by city employees in any annual or biennial budget 27 period equal to a dollar value not exceeding ten percent of the public works construction budget, including any amount in a supplemental 28 29 public works construction budget, over the budget period. The amount of public works that a first-class city has a county perform for it 30 31 under RCW 35.77.020 shall be included within this ten percent 32 limitation.

If a first-class city has public works performed by public employees in any budget period that are in excess of this ten percent limitation, the amount in excess of the permitted amount shall be reduced from the otherwise permitted amount of public works that may be performed by public employees for that city in its next budget period.

Twenty percent of the motor vehicle fuel tax distributions to that city shall be withheld if two years after the year in which the excess amount of work occurred, the city has failed to so reduce the amount of public works that it has performed by public employees. The amount so withheld shall be distributed to the city when it has demonstrated in its reports to the state auditor that the amount of public works it has performed by public employees has been so reduced.

8 Whenever a first-class city has had public works performed in any 9 budget period up to the maximum permitted amount for that budget 10 period, all remaining public works within that budget period shall be 11 done by contract pursuant to public notice and call for competitive 12 bids.

13 The state auditor shall report to the state treasurer any 14 first-class city that exceeds this amount and the extent to which the 15 city has or has not reduced the amount of public works it has performed 16 by public employees in subsequent years.

17 (3) In addition to the percentage limitation provided in subsection (2) of this section, a first-class city ((with a population in excess 18 19 of one hundred fifty thousand)) shall not have public employees perform 20 a public works project in excess of ((seventy thousand dollars, or)) 21 ninety thousand dollars ((after January 1, 2010,)) if more than a 22 single craft or trade is involved with the public works project, or a 23 public works project in excess of ((thirty-five thousand dollars, or)) 24 forty-five thousand dollars ((after January 1, 2010,)) if only a single craft or trade is involved with the public works project or the public 25 26 works project is street signalization or street lighting. ((In 27 addition to the percentage limitation provided in subsection (2) of 28 this section, a first-class city with a population of one hundred fifty 29 thousand or less shall not have public employees perform a public works 30 project in excess of fifty thousand dollars, or sixty-five thousand dollars after January 1, 2010, if more than one craft or trade is 31 involved with the public works project, or a public works project in 32 33 excess of thirty thousand dollars, or forty thousand dollars after January 1, 2010, if only a single craft or trade is involved with the 34 35 public works project or the public works project is street 36 signalization or street lighting.)) A public works project means a 37 complete project. The restrictions in this subsection do not permit

1 the division of the project into units of work or classes of work to 2 avoid the restriction on work that may be performed by day labor on a 3 single project.

4 (4) In addition to the accounting and record-keeping requirements contained in RCW 39.04.070, every first-class city annually shall 5 prepare a report for the state auditor indicating the total public 6 7 works construction budget and supplemental public works construction 8 budget for that year, the total construction costs of public works performed by public employees for that year, and the amount of public 9 10 works that is performed by public employees above or below ten percent of the total construction budget. However, if a city budgets on a 11 12 biennial basis, this annual report shall indicate the amount of public 13 works that is performed by public employees within the current biennial 14 period that is above or below ten percent of the total biennial 15 construction budget.

Each first-class city with a population of one hundred fifty thousand or less shall use the form required by RCW 43.09.205 to account and record costs of public works in excess of five thousand dollars that are not let by contract.

(5) The cost of a separate public works project shall be the costs of materials, supplies, equipment, and labor on the construction of that project. The value of the public works budget shall be the value of all the separate public works projects within the budget.

(6) The competitive bidding requirements of this section may be waived by the city legislative authority pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 if an exemption contained within that section applies to the work or contract.

(7) In lieu of the procedures of subsections (2) and (6) of this
section, a first-class city may let contracts using the small works
roster process in RCW 39.04.155.

31 Whenever possible, the city shall invite at least one proposal from 32 a minority or woman contractor who shall otherwise qualify under this 33 section.

34 (8) The allocation of public works projects to be performed by city35 employees shall not be subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

36 (9) This section does not apply to performance-based contracts, as 37 defined in RCW 39.35A.020(4), that are negotiated under chapter 39.35A 38 RCW.

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(10) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any first-class city
 from allowing for preferential purchase of products made from recycled
 materials or products that may be recycled or reused.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.23.352 and 2002 c 94 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

б (1) Any second-class city or any town may construct any public works, as defined in RCW 39.04.010, by contract or day labor without 7 calling for bids therefor whenever the estimated cost of the work or 8 9 improvement, including cost of materials, supplies and equipment will 10 not exceed the sum of ((forty-five thousand dollars, or sixty thousand 11 dollars after January 1, 2010,)) sixty-five thousand dollars if more 12 than one craft or trade is involved with the public works, or ((thirty 13 thousand dollars, or)) forty thousand dollars ((after January 1, 14 $\frac{2010}{10}$) if a single craft or trade is involved with the public works or the public works project is street signalization or street lighting. 15 A public works project means a complete project. The restrictions in 16 17 this subsection do not permit the division of the project into units of 18 work or classes of work to avoid the restriction on work that may be performed by day labor on a single project. 19

20 Whenever the cost of the public work or improvement, including 21 materials, supplies and equipment, will exceed these figures, the same 22 shall be done by contract. All such contracts shall be let at public 23 bidding upon publication of notice calling for sealed bids upon the The notice shall be published in the official newspaper, or a 24 work. 25 newspaper of general circulation most likely to bring responsive bids, 26 at least thirteen days prior to the last date upon which bids will be 27 received. The notice shall generally state the nature of the work to 28 be done that plans and specifications therefor shall then be on file in 29 the city or town hall for public inspections, and require that bids be 30 sealed and filed with the council or commission within the time 31 specified therein. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid proposal 32 deposit in the form of a cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond to the council or commission for a sum of not less than five 33 34 percent of the amount of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless 35 accompanied by such bid proposal deposit. The council or commission of 36 the city or town shall let the contract to the lowest responsible

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bidder or shall have power by resolution to reject any or all bids and 1 2 to make further calls for bids in the same manner as the original call. When the contract is let then all bid proposal deposits shall be 3 4 returned to the bidders except that of the successful bidder which shall be retained until a contract is entered into and a bond to 5 perform the work furnished, with surety satisfactory to the council or б commission, in accordance with RCW 39.08.030. If the bidder fails to 7 8 enter into the contract in accordance with his or her bid and furnish a bond within ten days from the date at which he or she is notified 9 that he or she is the successful bidder, the check or postal money 10 11 order and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the council or 12 commission or the council or commission shall recover the amount of the 13 surety bond. A low bidder who claims error and fails to enter into a contract is prohibited from bidding on the same project if a second or 14 subsequent call for bids is made for the project. 15

16 If no bid is received on the first call the council or commission 17 may readvertise and make a second call, or may enter into a contract 18 without any further call or may purchase the supplies, material or 19 equipment and perform the work or improvement by day labor.

(2) The allocation of public works projects to be performed by city
 or town employees shall not be subject to a collective bargaining
 agreement.

(3) In lieu of the procedures of subsection (1) of this section, a
second-class city or a town may let contracts using the small works
roster process provided in RCW 39.04.155.

Whenever possible, the city or town shall invite at least one proposal from a minority or woman contractor who shall otherwise qualify under this section.

(4) The form required by RCW 43.09.205 shall be to account and record costs of public works in excess of five thousand dollars that are not let by contract.

(5) The cost of a separate public works project shall be the costs
 of the materials, equipment, supplies, and labor on that construction
 project.

(6) Any purchase of supplies, material, or equipment, except for
 public work or improvement, where the cost thereof exceeds seven
 thousand five hundred dollars shall be made upon call for bids.

1 (7) Bids shall be called annually and at a time and in the manner 2 prescribed by ordinance for the publication in a newspaper of general 3 circulation in the city or town of all notices or newspaper 4 publications required by law. The contract shall be awarded to the 5 lowest responsible bidder.

6 (8) For advertisement and formal sealed bidding to be dispensed 7 with as to purchases with an estimated value of fifteen thousand 8 dollars or less, the council or commission must authorize by 9 resolution, use of the uniform procedure provided in RCW 39.04.190.

10 (9) The city or town legislative authority may waive the 11 competitive bidding requirements of this section pursuant to RCW 12 39.04.280 if an exemption contained within that section applies to the 13 purchase or public work.

(10) This section does not apply to performance-based contracts, as defined in RCW 39.35A.020(4), that are negotiated under chapter 39.35A RCW.

(11) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any second class city or any town from allowing for preferential purchase of products made from recycled materials or products that may be recycled or reused.

20 Sec. 5. RCW 35A.40.210 and 1989 c 11 s 8 are each amended to read 21 as follows:

22 Procedures for any public work or improvement ((contracts or 23 purchases)) for code cities shall be governed by ((the following 24 statutes, as indicated:)) <u>RCW 35.23.352.</u>

25 (((+))) <u>Purchases for code cities ((of)) with</u> twenty thousand 26 population or $((over_{\tau}))$ more shall be governed by RCW 35.22.620((i and (2))). <u>Purchases for code cities with</u> under twenty thousand 28 population((i)) shall be governed by RCW 35.23.352.

29 Sec. 6. RCW 36.32.235 and 2000 c 138 s 206 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

(1) In each county with a population of one million or more which by resolution establishes a county purchasing department, the purchasing department shall enter into leases of personal property on a competitive basis and purchase all supplies, materials, and equipment on a competitive basis, for all departments of the county, as provided

1 in this chapter and chapter 39.04 RCW, except that the county 2 purchasing department is not required to make purchases that are paid 3 from the county road fund or equipment rental and revolving fund.

4 (2) As used in this section, "public works" has the same definition 5 as in RCW 39.04.010.

6 (3) Except as otherwise specified in this chapter or in chapter 7 36.77 RCW, all counties subject to these provisions shall contract on 8 a competitive basis for all public works after bids have been submitted 9 to the county upon specifications therefor. Such specifications shall 10 be in writing and shall be filed with the clerk of the county 11 legislative authority for public inspection.

12 (4) An advertisement shall be published in the county official 13 newspaper stating the time and place where bids will be opened, the time after which bids will not be received, the character of the work 14 to be done, the materials and equipment to be furnished, and that 15 specifications therefor may be seen at the office of the clerk of the 16 county legislative authority. An advertisement shall also be published 17 18 in a legal newspaper of general circulation in or as near as possible 19 to that part of the county in which such work is to be done. If the county official newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation 20 21 covering at least forty percent of the residences in that part of the 22 county in which such public works are to be done, then the publication 23 of an advertisement of the applicable specifications in the county 24 official newspaper is sufficient. Such advertisements shall be published at least once at least thirteen days prior to the last date 25 26 upon which bids will be received.

(5) The bids shall be in writing, shall be filed with the clerk, shall be opened and read in public at the time and place named therefor in the advertisements, and after being opened, shall be filed for public inspection. No bid may be considered for public work unless it is accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a surety bond, postal money order, cash, cashier's check, or certified check in an amount equal to five percent of the amount of the bid proposed.

(6) The contract for the public work shall be awarded to the lowest
responsible bidder. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.
The county legislative authority shall require from the successful
bidder for such public work a contractor's bond in the amount and with
the conditions imposed by law.

(7) If the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to enter 1 2 into the contract and furnish the contractor's bond as required within ten days after notice of the award, exclusive of the day of notice, the 3 4 amount of the bid deposit shall be forfeited to the county and the contract awarded to the next lowest and best bidder. The bid deposit 5 of all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the contract is 6 7 awarded and the required contractor's bond given by the successful 8 bidder is accepted by the county legislative authority. Immediately after the award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded 9 10 and open to public inspection and shall be available by telephone 11 inquiry.

12 (8) As limited by subsection (10) of this section, a county subject 13 to these provisions may have public works performed by county employees 14 in any annual or biennial budget period equal to a dollar value not 15 exceeding ten percent of the public works construction budget, 16 including any amount in a supplemental public works construction 17 budget, over the budget period.

18 Whenever a county subject to these provisions has had public works 19 performed in any budget period up to the maximum permitted amount for 20 that budget period, all remaining public works except emergency work 21 under subsection (12) of this section within that budget period shall 22 be done by contract pursuant to public notice and call for competitive 23 bids as specified in subsection (3) of this section. The state auditor 24 shall report to the state treasurer any county subject to these provisions that exceeds this amount and the extent to which the county 25 26 has or has not reduced the amount of public works it has performed by 27 public employees in subsequent years.

28 (9) If a county subject to these provisions has public works 29 performed by public employees in any budget period that are in excess 30 of this ten percent limitation, the amount in excess of the permitted amount shall be reduced from the otherwise permitted amount of public 31 32 works that may be performed by public employees for that county in its next budget period. Ten percent of the motor vehicle fuel tax 33 distributions to that county shall be withheld if two years after the 34 35 year in which the excess amount of work occurred, the county has failed 36 to so reduce the amount of public works that it has performed by public 37 employees. The amount withheld shall be distributed to the county when

1 it has demonstrated in its reports to the state auditor that the amount 2 of public works it has performed by public employees has been reduced 3 as required.

4 (10) addition to the percentage limitation provided In in subsection (8) of this section, counties subject to these provisions 5 containing a population of one million or more shall not have public 6 7 employees perform a public works project in excess of ((seventy)) 8 ninety thousand dollars if more than a single craft or trade is involved with the public works project, or a public works project in 9 10 excess of ((twenty-five)) forty-five thousand dollars if only a single craft or trade is involved with the public works project. A public 11 12 works project means a complete project. The restrictions in this 13 subsection do not permit the division of the project into units of work or classes of work to avoid the restriction on work that may be 14 performed by public employees on a single project. 15

16 The cost of a separate public works project shall be the costs of 17 materials, supplies, equipment, and labor on the construction of that 18 project. The value of the public works budget shall be the value of 19 all the separate public works projects within the budget.

(11) In addition to the accounting and recordkeeping requirements contained in chapter 39.04 RCW, any county which uses public employees to perform public works projects under RCW 36.32.240(1) shall prepare a year-end report to be submitted to the state auditor indicating the total dollar amount of the county's public works construction budget and the total dollar amount for public works projects performed by public employees for that year.

The year-end report submitted pursuant to this subsection to the state auditor shall be in accordance with the standard form required by RCW 43.09.205.

30 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, counties may use public employees without any limitation for emergency work 31 32 performed under an emergency declared pursuant to RCW 36.32.270, and any such emergency work shall not be subject to the limitations of this 33 section. Publication of the description and estimate of costs relating 34 35 to correcting the emergency may be made within seven days after the 36 commencement of the work. Within two weeks of the finding that such an 37 emergency existed, the county legislative authority shall adopt a resolution certifying the damage to public facilities and costs 38

incurred or anticipated relating to correcting the emergency.
 Additionally this section shall not apply to architectural and
 engineering or other technical or professional services performed by
 public employees in connection with a public works project.

5 (13) In lieu of the procedures of subsections (3) through (11) of 6 this section, a county may let contracts using the small works roster 7 process provided in RCW 39.04.155.

8 Whenever possible, the county shall invite at least one proposal 9 from a minority or woman contractor who shall otherwise qualify under 10 this section.

(14) The allocation of public works projects to be performed by county employees shall not be subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

14 (15) This section does not apply to performance-based contracts, as 15 defined in RCW 39.35A.020(((+3))) (4), that are negotiated under chapter 16 39.35A RCW.

(16) Nothing in this section prohibits any county from allowing for preferential purchase of products made from recycled materials or products that may be recycled or reused.

(17) This section does not apply to contracts between the public stadium authority and a team affiliate under RCW 36.102.060(4), or development agreements between the public stadium authority and a team affiliate under RCW 36.102.060(7) or leases entered into under RCW 36.102.060(8).

25 **Sec. 7.** RCW 36.32.250 and 2000 c 138 s 207 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

No contract for public works may be entered into by the county 27 legislative authority or by any elected or appointed officer of the 28 29 county until after bids have been submitted to the county upon specifications therefor. Such specifications shall be in writing and 30 shall be filed with the clerk of the county legislative authority for 31 public inspection. An advertisement shall be published in the county 32 official newspaper stating the time and place where bids will be 33 34 opened, the time after which bids will not be received, the character 35 of the work to be done, the materials and equipment to be furnished, 36 and that specifications therefor may be seen at the office of the clerk 37 of the county legislative authority. An advertisement shall also be

published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in or as near as 1 2 possible to that part of the county in which such work is to be done. 3 If the county official newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation covering at least forty percent of the residences in that part of the 4 county in which such public works are to be done, then the publication 5 of an advertisement of the applicable specifications in the county 6 official newspaper shall be sufficient. Such advertisements shall be 7 8 published at least once at least thirteen days prior to the last date upon which bids will be received. The bids shall be in writing, shall 9 be filed with the clerk, shall be opened and read in public at the time 10 and place named therefor in the advertisements, and after being opened, 11 12 shall be filed for public inspection. No bid may be considered for 13 public work unless it is accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a 14 surety bond, postal money order, cash, cashier's check, or certified check in an amount equal to five percent of the amount of the bid 15 proposed. The contract for the public work shall be awarded to the 16 lowest responsible bidder. Any or all bids may be rejected for good 17 18 The county legislative authority shall require from the cause. 19 successful bidder for such public work a contractor's bond in the amount and with the conditions imposed by law. If the bidder to whom 20 21 the contract is awarded fails to enter into the contract and furnish 22 the contractor's bond as required within ten days after notice of the 23 award, exclusive of the day of notice, the amount of the bid deposit 24 shall be forfeited to the county and the contract awarded to the next lowest and best bidder. A low bidder who claims error and fails to 25 26 enter into a contract is prohibited from bidding on the same project if 27 a second or subsequent call for bids is made for the project. The bid deposit of all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the 28 contract is awarded and the required contractor's bond given by the 29 30 successful bidder is accepted by the county legislative authority. In the letting of any contract for public works involving less than 31 32 ((ten)) forty thousand dollars, advertisement and competitive bidding may be dispensed with on order of the county legislative authority. 33 Immediately after the award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall 34 35 be recorded and open to public inspection and shall be available by 36 telephone inquiry.

As an alternative to requirements under this section, a county may let contracts using the small works roster process under RCW 39.04.155. 1 This section does not apply to performance-based contracts, as 2 defined in RCW 39.35A.020(((3))) (4), that are negotiated under chapter 3 39.35A RCW.

4 Sec. 8. RCW 52.14.110 and 2001 c 79 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 Insofar as practicable, purchases and any public works by the 7 district shall be based on competitive bids. A formal sealed bid 8 procedure shall be used as standard procedure for purchases and 9 contracts for purchases executed by the board of commissioners. Formal 10 sealed bidding shall not be required for:

(1) The purchase of any materials, supplies, or equipment if the cost will not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars. However, whenever the estimated cost does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, the commissioners may by resolution use the process provided in RCW 39.04.190 to award contracts;

16 (2) Contracting for work to be done involving the construction or 17 improvement of a fire station or other buildings where the estimated 18 cost will not exceed the sum of ((two thousand five hundred)) twenty 19 thousand dollars, which includes the costs of labor, material, and 20 equipment;

(3) Contracts using the small works roster process under RCW39.04.155; and

(4) Any contract for purchases or public work pursuant to RCW
 39.04.280 if an exemption contained within that section applies to the
 purchase or public work.

26 **Sec. 9.** RCW 35.61.135 and 2001 c 29 s 1 are each amended to read 27 as follows:

(1) All work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of 28 29 ((five)) twenty thousand dollars, shall be let by contract and 30 competitive bidding. Before awarding any such contract the board of park commissioners shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general 31 circulation where the district is located at least once thirteen days 32 before the last date upon which bids will be received, inviting sealed 33 34 proposals for such work, plans, and specifications which must at the 35 time of publication of such notice be on file in the office of the board of park commissioners subject to the public inspection. 36 The

notice shall state generally the work to be done and shall call for proposals for doing the same to be sealed and filed with the board of park commissioners on or before the day and hour named therein.

4 Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or postal money order payable to the order of the metropolitan park 5 district for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, б 7 or accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent of 8 the bid with a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state, 9 conditioned that the bidder will pay the metropolitan park district as liquidated damages the amount specified in the bond, unless the bidder 10 enters into a contract in accordance with the bidder's bid, and no bid 11 12 shall be considered unless accompanied by such check, cash, or bid 13 bond. At the time and place named such bids shall be publicly opened and read and the board of park commissioners shall proceed to canvass 14 the bids and may let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder 15 upon plans and specifications on file or to the best bidder submitting 16 bidder's own plans and specifications. 17 the The board of park 18 commissioners may reject all bids for good cause and readvertise and in 19 such case all checks, cash, or bid bonds shall be returned to the If the contract is let, then all checks, cash, or bid bonds 20 bidders. 21 shall be returned to the bidders, except that of the successful bidder, which shall be retained until a contract is entered into for doing the 22 work, and a bond to perform such work furnished with sureties 23 24 satisfactory to the board of park commissioners in the full amount of the contract price between the bidder and the metropolitan park 25 26 district in accordance with the bid. If the bidder fails to enter into 27 the contract in accordance with the bid and furnish the bond within ten days from the date at which the bidder is notified that the bidder is 28 the successful bidder, the check, cash, or bid bonds and the amount 29 30 thereof shall be forfeited to the metropolitan park district. If the bidder fails to enter into a contract in accordance with the bidder's 31 32 bid, and the board of park commissioners deems it necessary to take legal action to collect on any bid bond required by this section, then 33 the metropolitan park district is entitled to collect from the bidder 34 35 any legal expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees occasioned 36 A low bidder who claims error and fails to enter into a thereby. 37 contract is prohibited from bidding on the same project if a second or 38 subsequent call for bids is made for the project.

(2) As an alternative to requirements under subsection (1) of this
 section, a metropolitan park district may let contracts using the small
 works roster process under RCW 39.04.155.

(3) Any purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment, with an 4 estimated cost in excess of forty thousand dollars, shall be by 5 contract. Any purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment, with an б estimated cost of less than fifty thousand dollars shall be made using 7 the process provided in RCW 39.04.190. Any purchase of materials, 8 supplies, or equipment with an estimated cost of fifty thousand dollars 9 or more shall be made by competitive bidding following the procedure 10 for letting contracts for projects under subsection (1) of this 11 12 section.

13 (4) As an alternative to requirements under subsection (3) of this section, a metropolitan park district may let contracts for purchase of 14 materials, supplies, or equipment with the suppliers designated on 15 current state agency, county, city, or town purchasing rosters for the 16 materials, supplies, or equipment, when the roster has been established 17 in accordance with the competitive bidding law for purchases applicable 18 to the state agency, county, city, or town. The price and terms for 19 20 purchases shall be as described on the applicable roster.

21 (5) The park board may waive the competitive bidding requirements 22 of this section pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 if an exemption contained 23 within RCW 39.04.280 applies to the purchase or public work.

24 Sec. 10. RCW 57.08.050 and 2003 c 145 s 1 and 2003 c 60 s 1 are 25 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

26 (1) All work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of ((ten)) twenty thousand dollars, shall be let by contract and 27 competitive bidding. Before awarding any such contract the board of 28 commissioners shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general 29 circulation where the district is located at least once thirteen days 30 31 before the last date upon which bids will be received, inviting sealed 32 proposals for such work, plans and specifications which must at the time of publication of such notice be on file in the office of the 33 34 board of commissioners subject to the public inspection. The notice 35 shall state generally the work to be done and shall call for proposals 36 for doing the same to be sealed and filed with the board of 37 commissioners on or before the day and hour named therein.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or 1 2 postal money order payable to the order of the county treasurer for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, or accompanied 3 by a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent of the bid with 4 a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state, conditioned 5 that the bidder will pay the district as liquidated damages the amount б 7 specified in the bond, unless the bidder enters into a contract in accordance with the bidder's bid, and no bid shall be considered unless 8 9 accompanied by such check, cash or bid bond. At the time and place named such bids shall be publicly opened and read and the board of 10 commissioners shall proceed to canvass the bids and may let such 11 12 contract to the lowest responsible bidder upon plans and specifications 13 on file or to the best bidder submitting the bidder's own plans and The board of commissioners may reject all bids for 14 specifications. good cause and readvertise and in such case all checks, cash or bid 15 bonds shall be returned to the bidders. If the contract is let, then 16 all checks, cash, or bid bonds shall be returned to the bidders, except 17 that of the successful bidder, which shall be retained until a contract 18 shall be entered into for doing the work, and a bond to perform such 19 work furnished with sureties satisfactory to the board of commissioners 20 21 in the full amount of the contract price between the bidder and the 22 commission in accordance with the bid. If the bidder fails to enter into the contract in accordance with the bid and furnish the bond 23 24 within ten days from the date at which the bidder is notified that the bidder is the successful bidder, the check, cash, or bid bonds and the 25 amount thereof shall be forfeited to the district. If the bidder fails 26 27 to enter into a contract in accordance with the bidder's bid, and the board of commissioners deems it necessary to take legal action to 28 29 collect on any bid bond required by this section, then the district 30 shall be entitled to collect from the bidder any legal expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees occasioned thereby. A low bidder 31 32 who claims error and fails to enter into a contract is prohibited from 33 bidding on the same project if a second or subsequent call for bids is made for the project. 34

(2) As an alternative to requirements under subsection (1) of this
 section, a water-sewer district may let contracts using the small works
 roster process under RCW 39.04.155.

(3) Any purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment, with an 1 2 estimated cost in excess of ((ten)) forty thousand dollars, shall be by contract. Any purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment, with an 3 estimated cost of less than fifty thousand dollars shall be made using 4 the process provided in RCW 39.04.190. Any purchase of materials, 5 supplies, or equipment with an estimated cost of fifty thousand dollars 6 7 or more shall be made by competitive bidding following the procedure 8 for letting contracts for projects under subsection (1) of this section. 9

10 (4) As an alternative to requirements under subsection (3) of this section, a water-sewer district may let contracts for purchase of 11 materials, supplies, or equipment with the suppliers designated on 12 13 current state agency, county, city, or town purchasing rosters for the 14 materials, supplies, or equipment, when the roster has been established in accordance with the competitive bidding law for purchases applicable 15 16 to the state agency, county, city, or town. The price and terms for 17 purchases shall be as described on the applicable roster.

18 (5) The board may waive the competitive bidding requirements of 19 this section pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 if an exemption contained within 20 that section applies to the purchase or public work.

21 **Sec. 11.** RCW 70.44.140 and 2002 c 106 s 1 are each amended to read 22 as follows:

23 (1) All materials purchased and work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of ((fifty)) seventy-five thousand dollars, shall be 24 25 by contract. Before awarding any such contract, the commission shall 26 publish a notice at least thirteen days before the last date upon which 27 bids will be received, inviting sealed proposals for such work. The plans and specifications must at the time of the publication of such 28 29 notice be on file at the office of the public hospital district, subject to public inspection: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the commission 30 31 may at the same time, and as part of the same notice, invite tenders for the work or materials upon plans and specifications to be submitted 32 by bidders. The notice shall state generally the work to be done, and 33 34 shall call for proposals for doing the same, to be sealed and filed 35 with the commission on or before the day and hour named therein. Each 36 bid shall be accompanied by bid proposal security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond 37

made payable to the order of the commission, for a sum not less than 1 2 five percent of the amount of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal security. At the time and 3 place named, such bids shall be publicly opened and read, and the 4 5 commission shall proceed to canvass the bids, and may let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder upon plans and specifications on file, 6 7 or to the best bidder submitting his or her own plans and specifications: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no contract shall be let in 8 excess of the estimated cost of the materials or work, or if, in the 9 10 opinion of the commission, all bids are unsatisfactory, they may reject all of them and readvertise, and in such case all bid proposal security 11 12 shall be returned to the bidders. If the contract is let, then all bid 13 proposal security shall be returned to the bidders, except that of the 14 successful bidder, which is retained until a contract shall be entered into for the purchase of such materials for doing such work, and a bond 15 to perform such work furnished, with sureties satisfactory to the 16 17 commission, in an amount to be fixed by the commission, not less than twenty-five percent of contract price in any case, between the bidder 18 and commission, in accordance with the bid. If such bidder fails to 19 enter into the contract in accordance with the bid and furnish such 20 21 bond within ten days from the date at which the bidder is notified that 22 he or she is the successful bidder, the bid proposal security and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the public hospital district. A 23 24 low bidder who claims error and fails to enter into a contract is 25 prohibited from bidding on the same project if a second or subsequent 26 call for bids is made for the project.

(2) As an alternative to the requirements of subsection (1) of this
 section, a public hospital district may let contracts using the small
 works roster process under RCW 39.04.155.

30 (3) Any purchases with an estimated cost of up to fifteen thousand
 31 dollars may be made using the process provided in RCW 39.04.190.

(4) The commission may waive the competitive bidding requirements
 of this section pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 if an exemption contained
 within that section applies to the purchase or public work.

35 **Sec. 12.** RCW 87.03.437 and 1999 c 234 s 2 are each amended to read 36 as follows:

37 (1) Purchases of any materials, supplies, or equipment by the

district shall be based on competitive bids except as provided in RCW 87.03.435 and 39.04.280. A formal sealed bid procedure shall be used as standard procedure for the purchases made by irrigation districts. However, the board may by resolution adopt a policy to waive formal sealed bidding procedures for purchases of any materials, supplies, or equipment for an amount set by the board not to exceed ((ten)) forty thousand dollars for each purchase.

8 (2) The directors may by resolution adopt a policy to use the 9 process provided in RCW 39.04.190 for purchases of materials, supplies, 10 or equipment when the estimated cost is between the amount established 11 by the board under subsection (1) of this section and a maximum amount 12 set by resolution adopted by the board for purchases up to fifty 13 thousand dollars exclusive of sales tax.

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