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1 AN ACT Relating to water storage asset management services; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Each municipality or water district shall publish in advance  
7 its requirements to procure asset management service of its water  
8 storage assets. Such service may include the inspection, cleaning,  
9 maintenance, repair, and testing of the water storage asset. The  
10 announcement must concisely state the scope and nature of the  
11 equipment and services for which a water storage asset management  
12 service contract is required and encourage firms to submit proposals  
13 to meet these requirements.

14 (2) The municipality or water district may negotiate a fair and  
15 reasonable asset service contract that includes the provision of  
16 contract services with the firm that is identified, based on the  
17 criteria that is established by the municipality, to be the firm that  
18 submits the best proposal. If a municipality or water district  
19 chooses to negotiate a water storage asset management contract under  
20 this section, no otherwise applicable statutory procurement  
21 requirement applies.

1           (3) If the municipality or water district is unable to negotiate  
2 a satisfactory water storage asset management contract with the firm  
3 that submits the best proposal, negotiations with that firm must be  
4 formally terminated and the municipality may select another firm in  
5 accordance with this section and continue negotiation until a water  
6 storage asset service contract is reached or the selection process is  
7 terminated.

8           (4) For the purposes of this section:

9           (a) "Water storage asset" means the water storage structures and  
10 distribution systems, such as the water tank, tower, well, meter or  
11 water filter.

12           (b) "Water storage asset management services" means the  
13 financing, designing, improvement, operation, maintenance,  
14 administration, asset management, or any combination thereof of a  
15 water storage asset.

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