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- AN ACT Relating to contracts for architectural and engineering
- 2 services; and amending RCW 39.80.040.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.80.040 and 1981 c 61 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 In the procurement of architectural and engineering services, the
- 7 agency shall encourage firms engaged in the lawful practice of their
- 8 profession to submit annually a statement of qualifications and
- 9 performance data. The agency shall evaluate current statements of
- 10 qualifications and performance data on file with the agency, together
- 11 with those that may be submitted by other firms regarding the proposed
- The wient enobe ends may be submitted by constructing regarding one proposed

project, and shall conduct discussions with one or more firms regarding

- 13 anticipated concepts and the relative utility of alternative methods of
- 14 approach for furnishing the required services and then shall select
- 15 therefrom, based upon criteria established by the agency, the firm
- 16 deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required
- 17 for the proposed project. Such agency procedures and guidelines shall
- 18 include a plan to insure that minority and women-owned firms are
- 19 afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for and obtain

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- 1 public contracts for services. The level of participation by minority
- 2 and women-owned firms shall be consistent with their general
- 3 availability within the professional communities involved. Agency
- 4 procedures and guidelines may also include a plan to ensure that local
- 5 firms are afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for
- 6 and obtain public contracts for services.

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