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Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to criteria for procurement of architectural and
2 engineering services; and amending RCW 39.80.040.

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
12 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. Criteria established by the agency shall
18 include, but not be limited to, professional competence for the type of
19 services to be performed; technical merits of the offered services;

1 financial capability of the applicant to perform the specified work;
2 and the cost, price, and compensation, or consideration to be paid by
3 the agency for such services. Such agency procedures and guidelines
4 shall include a plan to insure that minority and women-owned firms are
5 afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for and obtain
6 public contracts for services. The level of participation by minority
7 and women-owned firms shall be consistent with their general
8 availability within the professional communities involved.

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