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1 AN ACT Relating to competitive negotiations; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 39.04 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 39.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that the unique aspects of electronic
7 data processing and telecommunications systems and the importance of
8 these systems for effective administration warrant separate acquisition
9 authority for electronic data processing and telecommunication systems.
10 It is the intent of the legislature that municipalities utilize an
11 acquisition method for electronic data processing and telecommunication
12 systems that is both competitive and compatible with the needs of the
13 municipalities.

14 (2) A municipality may acquire electronic data processing or
15 telecommunication equipment, software, or services through competitive
16 negotiation rather than through competitive bidding.

17 (3) "Competitive negotiation," for the purposes of this section,
18 shall include, as a minimum, the following requirements:

1 (a) A request for proposal shall be prepared and submitted to an
2 adequate number of qualified sources, as determined by the municipality
3 in its discretion, to permit reasonable competition consistent with the
4 requirements of the procurement. Notice of the request for the
5 proposal must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the
6 municipality at least thirteen days before the last date upon which
7 proposals will be received. The request for proposal shall identify
8 significant evaluation factors, including price, and their relative
9 importance.

10 (b) The municipality shall provide reasonable procedures for
11 technical evaluation of the proposals received, identification of
12 qualified sources, and selection for awarding the contract.

13 (c) The award shall be made to the qualified bidder whose proposal
14 is most advantageous to the municipality with price and other factors
15 considered. The municipality may reject any and all proposals for good
16 cause and request new proposals.

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