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An Act To Ensure Accountability in State Contracts

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1522 is enacted to read:

§ 1522. Criteria for state contracts

1. State contracts. In addition to any other requirement under this Part, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall ensure that a request for proposal or solicitation of a bid by the State, including by any state agency as defined in section 1552, subsection 6, for a contract to provide property, products or services from a person, including a nonprofit corporation under Title 13-B, includes the following information:

- A. Description of the property, products or services;
- B. Estimated cost of providing the property, products or services;
- C. Estimated duration of the contract;
- D. Estimated number of people to be employed in fulfilling the contract; and
- E. A list of any interim or final reports required.

2. Posting of information. The information required under subsection 1 must be posted on the publicly accessible portion of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services website. The department shall also post details of the final contract or agreement entered into pursuant to a request for proposal or solicitation of a bid under this section, including the information provided by the successful bidder in response to the request for proposal or solicitation of a bid under subsection 1.

3. Application. This section applies to any contract or agreement for the provision of property, products or services in a budget adopted under chapter 149.

SUMMARY

This bill requires any request for proposal or solicitation of a bid by the State for a contract for the provision of property, products or services by the state budget to include certain defining information and requires the information to be posted on the publicly accessible portion of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services website.