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LT. GOVERNOR

May 3, 2005

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 339, an Act relating to the regulation of tobacco product retailers, and making penalties applicable.

House File 614, an Act relating to the transmission, installation, and use of computer software through deceptive or unauthorized means and providing for penalties.

House File 616, an Act revising requirements applicable to county and multicounty decategorization of child welfare and juvenile justice funding projects.

House File 617, an Act relating to inclusion of assisted living services under the medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly.

House File 724, an Act creating a prescription drug donation repository program.

House File 764, an Act relating to the unemployment rate of contribution of a person who acquires an organization, trade, or business and providing penalties.



House File 772, an Act relating to violations of the open meetings and open records law by a member of a governmental body, the lawful custodian of a public record, or any other appropriate person.

House File 814, an Act relating to electronic notices of bidding opportunities for state purchases.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Vilsack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House



HOUSE FILE 814

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC NOTICES OF BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
STATE PURCHASES.

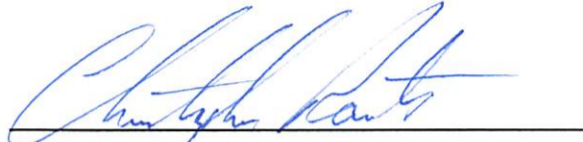
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 8A.311, subsection 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

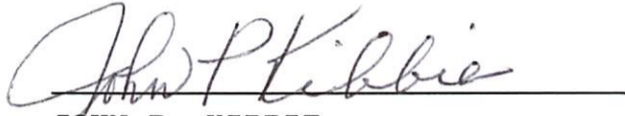
1. a. All equipment, supplies, or services procured by the department shall be purchased by a competitive bidding procedure as established by rule. However, the director may exempt by rule purchases of noncompetitive items and purchases in lots or quantities too small to be effectively purchased by competitive bidding. Preference shall be given to purchasing Iowa products and purchases from Iowa-based businesses if the Iowa-based business bids submitted are comparable in price to bids submitted by out-of-state businesses and otherwise meet the required specifications. If the laws of another state mandate a percentage preference for businesses or products from that state and the effect of the preference is that bids of Iowa businesses or products that are otherwise low and responsive are not selected in the other state, the same percentage preference shall be applied to Iowa businesses and products when businesses or products from that other state are bid to supply Iowa requirements.

b. The department and each state agency shall provide notice in an electronic format available to the public of every competitive bidding opportunity offered by the department or the state agency as provided in section 73.2, subsection 2. The department may establish by rule requirements relating to such notice. A competitive bidding

opportunity that is not preceded by a notice that satisfies the requirements of this paragraph is void and shall be rebid. A request for proposals for architectural or engineering services may be posted electronically by a department or state agency.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



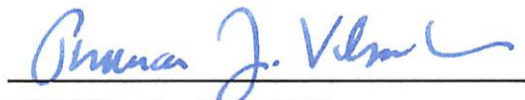
JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 814, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 3, 2005



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor