

House File 2173 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to purchasing preferences for disaster recovery
2 products.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.311, subsection 12, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 12. a. The state and its political subdivisions shall give
4 preference to purchasing Iowa products and purchasing from
5 Iowa-based businesses if the bids submitted are comparable in
6 price to those submitted by other bidders and meet the required
7 specifications.

8 b. For disaster recovery products in an area that the
9 governor has proclaimed a disaster emergency or the president
10 of the United States has declared a major disaster, preference
11 may be given to Iowa products and Iowa-based businesses
12 even if bids submitted for out-of-state products and by
13 out-of-state businesses are lower in price and meet the
14 required specifications provided the following criteria are met
15 for procurement through competitive bidding or requests for
16 proposals:

17 (1) For bids and proposals of twenty-five thousand
18 dollars or less, the Iowa bid or proposal does not exceed the
19 acceptable low bid or acceptable low proposal by more than ten
20 percent.

21 (2) For bids and proposals of more than twenty-five thousand
22 dollars and less than two hundred thousand dollars, the Iowa
23 bid or proposal does not exceed the acceptable low bid or
24 acceptable low proposal by more than five percent.

25 (3) For bids and proposals of two hundred thousand
26 dollars or more, the Iowa bid or proposal does not exceed the
27 acceptable low bid or acceptable low proposal by more than one
28 percent.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill relates to purchasing preferences for disaster
31 recovery related products.

32 Currently, the state and its political subdivisions must
33 give preference to purchasing Iowa products and purchasing from
34 Iowa-based businesses if the bids submitted are comparable in
35 price to those submitted by other bidders and meet the required

1 specifications. The bill allows the state and its political
2 subdivisions to give preference to Iowa products and Iowa-based
3 businesses even if bids submitted for out-of-state products
4 and by out-of-state businesses are lower in price and meet the
5 required specifications when the products are necessary in a
6 disaster recovery in an area that the governor has proclaimed a
7 disaster emergency or the president of the United States has
8 declared a major disaster. The bill limits the amount by which
9 such bids or proposals may exceed an acceptable low bid or
10 proposal based on the dollar amount of the bid or proposal.