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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing in-state bidders to match comparable
2 out-of-state bids for purchases or public improvements
3 through a competitive bidding process by the state or
4 political subdivisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.311, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. If the lowest responsive bid received
4 by the state or a political subdivision for products or other
5 purchases is from an out-of-state business, and an Iowa-based
6 business submitted a bid which is within five percent or ten
7 thousand dollars of the price of the lowest bid, whichever is
8 less, the Iowa-based business shall be notified and shall be
9 allowed to match the lowest bid before a contract is awarded.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 73.7 **Matching by Iowa bidders.**

11 1. Notwithstanding this chapter, chapter 26, chapter 73A,
12 chapter 309, chapter 310, chapter 331, or chapter 384, if the
13 lowest responsive bid received for a contract for a public
14 improvement or works is from an out-of-state business, and
15 an Iowa-based business submitted a bid which is within five
16 percent or ten thousand dollars of the price of the lowest bid,
17 whichever is less, the Iowa-based business shall be notified
18 and shall be allowed to match the lowest bid before a contract
19 is awarded.

20 2. This section applies to the state, its agencies, and any
21 political subdivisions of the state.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides that for purchases and public improvement
24 construction contracts initiated by the state or a political
25 subdivision through a competitive bidding process, if the
26 lowest responsive bid received is from an out-of-state
27 business, and an in-state business submitted a bid which
28 is within 5 percent or \$10,000 of the price of the lowest
29 responsive bid, whichever is less, the state or political
30 subdivision shall notify the in-state business and allow it to
31 match the lowest responsive bid before a contract is awarded.