

CHAPTER 2011-258

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1063

An act relating to the Canaveral Port District, Brevard County; amending chapter 2003-335, Laws of Florida, as amended; increasing the amount for which the Canaveral Port Authority may encumber personal properties and facilities of the authority; increasing the amount for which contracts for construction, improvement, repair, or building may be entered into or goods, supplies, or materials may be purchased by the district or authority; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of Article XVII of chapter 2003-335, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2004-472, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

ARTICLE XVII. Contracts; Competition

Section 1. No contract shall be let by the Port Authority for any construction, improvement, repair, or building, nor shall any goods, supplies, or materials for Canaveral Port District purposes or uses be purchased when the amount to be paid by the Canaveral Port District or the Port Authority shall exceed \$100,000 ~~\$50,000~~, unless notice thereof shall be advertised at least three times, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Canaveral Port District, calling for bids upon the work to be done or the goods, supplies, or materials to be purchased by the Port Authority, and in each case the bid of the lowest responsible bidder shall be accepted, unless the Port Authority may, in its discretion, reject all bids. The Port Authority may also require the deposit of cash or a certified check, not to exceed \$1,000 or 15 percent of the bid, as evidence of good faith on the part of the bidders, such deposit to be returned when the bid is rejected or performance bond deposited or contract completed. All other things being equal, preference shall be given by the Port Authority in making all purchases and the letting of all contracts to residents of the Canaveral Port District.

Section 2. In the event it is reasonably expected that the cost amount of a contract under section 1 of this article shall be greater than \$10,000 but less than \$100,000 ~~\$50,000~~, then the Port Manager or his or her designee shall do the following:

(a) Obtain at least three telephonic bid offers to perform such work or furnish such property from at least three independent persons or business entities responsible in the subject business endeavor under consideration.

(b) Make a record of the offers.

(c) After obtaining and recording such offers, award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder of those solicited as provided in this article.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 21, 2011.

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