

A bill for an act

relating to local government; modifying the threshold amounts for certain contracting procedures under the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.345, subdivisions 3, 4; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 471.345, subdivisions 3a, 4a.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.345, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Contracts over ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice in the manner and subject to the requirements of the law governing contracts by the particular municipality or class thereof provided that with regard to repairs and maintenance of ditches, bids shall not be required if the estimated amount of the contract does not exceed the amount specified in section 103E.705, subdivisions 5, 6, and 7.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 471.345, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. **Contracts over ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000; best value alternative.** As an alternative to the procurement method described in subdivision 3, municipalities may award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in section 16C.28, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), and paragraph (c).

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.345, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Contracts from \$10,000 to ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$10,000 but not to exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000, the contract

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2.1 may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more
2.2 quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or
2.3 otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations
2.4 obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof.

2.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 471.345, subdivision 4a, is
2.6 amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 4a. **Contracts from \$10,000 to ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000; best value alternative.**
2.8 As an alternative to the procurement method described in subdivision 4, municipalities
2.9 may award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the
2.10 vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in
2.11 section 16C.28, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), and paragraph (c).