LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Budget (Bogdanoff) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (401580) (with title amendment)

Between lines 1191 and 1192 insert:

Section 23. This act may be cited as the "Buy Florida Act." Section 24. Section 283.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

283.35 Preference given printing within the state. - Every agency shall give preference to vendors located within the state When awarding a contract contracts to have materials printed, the agency, university, college, school district, or other political subdivision of this state awarding the contract shall

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grant a preference to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor having a principal place of business within this state. The preference shall be 5 percent if the lowest bid is submitted by a vendor whose principal place of business is located outside the state and if the whenever such printing can be performed in this state done at no greater expense than the expense of awarding a contract to a vendor located outside the state and can be done at a level of quality comparable to that obtainable from the a vendor submitting the lowest bid located outside the state. As used in this section, the term "other political subdivision of this state" does not include counties or municipalities.

Section 25. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section 287.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual services.-

- (3) When the purchase price of commodities or contractual services exceeds the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, no purchase of commodities or contractual services may be made without receiving competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, or competitive sealed replies unless:
- (f) The following contractual services and commodities are not subject to the competitive-solicitation requirements of this section:
- 1. Artistic services. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "artistic services" does not include advertising or typesetting. As used in this subparagraph, the term "advertising" means the making of a representation in any form

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in connection with a trade, business, craft, or profession in order to promote the supply of commodities or services by the person promoting the commodities or contractual services.

- 2. Academic program reviews if the fee for such services does not exceed \$50,000.
 - 3. Lectures by individuals.
- 4. Legal services, including attorney, paralegal, expert witness, appraisal, or mediator services.
- 5.a. Health services involving examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, medical consultation, or administration.
- b. Beginning January 1, 2011, health services, including, but not limited to, substance abuse and mental health services, involving examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or medical consultation, when such services are offered to eligible individuals participating in a specific program that qualifies multiple providers and uses a standard payment methodology. Reimbursement of administrative costs for providers of services purchased in this manner shall also be exempt. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, "providers" means health professionals, health facilities, or organizations that deliver or arrange for the delivery of health services.
- 6. Services provided to persons with mental or physical disabilities by not-for-profit corporations which have obtained exemptions under the provisions of s. 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or when such services are governed by the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall consider the ability of the vendor, past performance, willingness to meet time requirements, and price.

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- 7. Medicaid services delivered to an eligible Medicaid recipient unless the agency is directed otherwise in law.
 - 8. Family placement services.
- 9. Prevention services related to mental health, including drug abuse prevention programs, child abuse prevention programs, and shelters for runaways, operated by not-for-profit corporations. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall consider the ability of the vendor, past performance, willingness to meet time requirements, and price.
- 10. Training and education services provided to injured employees pursuant to s. 440.491(6).
 - 11. Contracts entered into pursuant to s. 337.11.
- 12. Services or commodities provided by governmental agencies.
- 13. Statewide public service announcement programs provided by a Florida statewide nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, with a guaranteed documented match of at least \$3 to \$1.

Section 26. Section 287.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.084 Preference to Florida businesses.-

(1) (a) When an agency, university, college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state is required to make purchases of personal property through competitive solicitation and the lowest responsible and responsive bid, proposal, or reply is by a vendor whose principal place of business is in a state or political subdivision thereof which grants a preference for the purchase of such personal property to a person whose principal place of

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business is in such state, then the agency, university, college county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of this state shall may award a preference to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor having a principal place of business within this state, which preference is equal to the preference granted by the state or political subdivision thereof in which the lowest responsible and responsive vendor has its principal place of business. In a competitive solicitation in which the lowest bid is submitted by a vendor whose principal place of business is located outside the state and that state does not grant a preference in competitive solicitation to vendors having a principal place of business in that state, the preference to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor having a principal place of business in this state shall be 5 percent.

- (b) Paragraph (a) However, this section does not apply to transportation projects for which federal aid funds are available.
- (c) As used in this section, the term "other political subdivision of this state" does not include counties or municipalities.
- (2) If a solicitation provides for the granting of such preference as is provided in this section, A Any vendor whose principal place of business is outside this the state of Florida must accompany any written bid, proposal, or reply documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that



foreign state in the letting of any or all public contracts.

(3) (a) A vendor whose principal place of business is in this state may not be precluded from being an authorized reseller of information technology commodities of a state contractor as long as the vendor demonstrates that it employs an internationally recognized quality management system, such as ISO 9001 or its equivalent, and provides a warranty on the information technology commodities which is, at a minimum, of equal scope and length as that of the contract.

(b) This subsection applies to any renewal of any state contract executed on or after July 1, 2012.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 1310 and 1311 insert:

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providing a short title; amending s. 283.35, F.S.; requiring an agency, university, college, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to grant a specified preference to a vendor located within the state when awarding a contract for printing; specifying the percentage of preference to be granted; amending s. 287.057, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement for competitive solicitation of contractual services and commodities for public service announcement programs provided by certain nonprofit corporations; amending s. 287.084, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, an agency, university, college, school district, or other

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political subdivision of the state in making purchases of personal property through competitive solicitation to award a preference to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor having a principal place of business within this state under specified circumstances; specifying the percentage of preference to be granted; providing nonapplicability; prohibiting the preclusion of a vendor whose principal place of business is in this state from being an authorized reseller of information technology commodities of state contractors, under certain circumstances;