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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to water management districts; amending s.
 373.1501, F.S.; providing definitions; including the C-111
 Spreader Canal Project and the Biscayne Bay Coastal
 Wetlands-Phase 1 Project - C-1 Cutler Wetlands Component
 among certain local sponsorship responsibilities of the
 South Florida Water Management District; creating s.
 373.1135, F.S.; authorizing water management districts to
 implement a small business program; providing rulemaking
 authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (l) and (m) are added to subsection
 (1) of section 373.1501, Florida Statutes, and subsection (3) of
 said section is amended, to read:

373.1501 South Florida Water Management District as local
 sponsor.--

(1) As used in this section and s. 373.026(8), the term:

(l) "Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands-Phase 1 Project - C-1
 Cutler Wetlands Component" means the C-1 Cutler Wetlands
 Components in the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands-Phase 1 Acceler8
 Project approved by the South Florida Water Management District
 (SFWMD) Governing Board on November 9, 2004. A map showing the
 C-1 Cutler Wetlands Component area is on file with the Clerk of
 the SFWMD.

(m) "C-111 Spreader Canal Project" means the C-111
 Spreader Canal Project described in the Final Integrated

29 Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact
 30 Statement for the Central and Southern Florida Project
 31 Comprehensive Review Study, dated April 1999 and authorized by
 32 Congress through the Water Resources Development Act of 2000,
 33 Section 601(b)(2)(C)(x).

34 (3) The Legislature declares that the Kissimmee River
 35 Restoration Project, the Ten Mile Creek Project, the Water
 36 Preserve Areas, the Southern Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem
 37 Watershed Project, the Pal-Mar Project, ~~and~~ the C-111 Project,
 38 the C-111 Spreader Canal Project, and the Biscayne Bay Coastal
 39 Wetlands-Phase 1 Project - C-1 Cutler Wetlands Component are in
 40 the public interest, for a public purpose, and necessary for the
 41 public health and welfare. The governing board of the district
 42 is empowered and authorized to acquire fee title or easement by
 43 eminent domain for the limited purposes of implementing the
 44 Kissimmee River Restoration Project, the Ten Mile Creek Project,
 45 the Water Preserve Areas, the Southern Corkscrew Regional
 46 Ecosystem Watershed Project, the Pal-Mar Project, ~~and~~ the C-111
 47 Project, the C-111 Spreader Canal Project, and the Biscayne Bay
 48 Coastal Wetlands-Phase 1 Project - C-1 Cutler Wetlands
 49 Component. Any acquisition of real property, including by
 50 eminent domain, for those objectives constitutes a public
 51 purpose for which it is in the public interest to expend public
 52 funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
 53 such properties shall not be removed from the district's plan of
 54 acquisition, and the use of state funds for these properties is
 55 authorized. In the absence of willing sellers, any land
 56 necessary for implementing the projects in this subsection shall

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57 | be acquired in accordance with state condemnation law pursuant
58 | to chapters 73 and 74.

59 | Section 2. Section 373.1135, Florida Statutes, is created
60 | to read:

61 | 373.11135 Small business program.-Each water management
62 | district, as created in this chapter, may implement a small
63 | business program designed to help small businesses, including
64 | those owned by women and minorities, participate in district
65 | procurement and contract activities. The purpose of the program
66 | is to spur economic development and support small businesses,
67 | including women and minority-owned businesses, to successfully
68 | expand in the marketplace. Program specifics shall be provided
69 | by rule pursuant to s. 373.113.

70 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.