By the Committee on Governmental Operations; and Senator Lawson

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An act relating to state construction management contracting; creating s. 255.32, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing the Department of Management Services to select and contract with construction management entities to assist in the management of state construction projects; providing criteria; authorizing the department to enter into continuing contracts under certain circumstances; providing that a construction management entity may be required to offer a guaranteed maximum price and a guaranteed completion date under specified circumstances and secure a surety bond; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. Section 255.32, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 255.32 State construction management contracting. --
 - (1) For purposes of this section, the term:
- (a) "Construction management entity" means a licensed general contractor or a licensed building contractor, as defined in s. 489.105(3), who coordinates and supervises a construction project from the conceptual development stage through final construction, including the scheduling, selection, contracting with, and directing of specialty trade contractors and the value engineering of a project.
- (b) "Construction project" means any planned or unforeseen fixed capital outlay activity authorized under s. 255.31. A

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construction project may include:

- 1. A grouping of minor construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activities.
- 2. A grouping of substantially similar construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activities.
- (c) "Continuing contract" means a contract with a construction management entity for work during a defined time period on construction projects, described by type, which may or may not be identified at the time the contract is entered into.
- (d) "Department" means the Department of Management Services.
- (2) To assist in the management of state construction projects, the department may select and contract with construction management entities that:
- (a) Are competitively selected by the department pursuant to s. 287.055;
- (b) Agree to follow the advertising and competitive bidding procedures that the department would be required to follow if the department was managing the construction project directly; and
- (c) Are under a contract that is separate from the design criteria professional contract, if any, assigned to the construction project.
- (3) The department's authority under subsection (2) includes entering into continuing contracts for construction projects whose total estimated cost do not exceed \$1 million.
- entity, after having been selected for a construction project and after competitive negotiations, to offer a guaranteed maximum price and a guaranteed completion date. If so required, the

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construction management entity must secure an appropriate surety bond pursuant to s. 255.05 and must hold construction subcontracts. If a project solicited by the department pursuant to s. 287.055 includes a grouping of construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activities or substantially similar construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activities costing up to \$1 million, the department may require the construction management entity to provide for a separate guaranteed maximum price and a separate guaranteed completion date for each grouping included in the project.

(5) The department shall adopt rules for state agencies using the services of construction management entities under contract with the department.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.