

By Senator Altman

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to procurement of commodities and  
3           contractual services; creating s. 287.05705, F.S.;  
4           providing that an agency, county, or municipality that  
5           is required to make purchases of commodities or  
6           contractual services through competitive solicitation  
7           must provide vendors the option to submit competitive  
8           sealed bids through a uniform secure electronic  
9           interactive Internet system; requiring specified  
10          notification in invitations to bid; requiring the  
11          Department of Management Services to adopt rules  
12          establishing procedures and requirements for the  
13          electronic submission, receipt, and processing of  
14          competitive sealed bids; providing exemptions;  
15          providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Section 287.05705, Florida Statutes, is created  
20 to read:

21           287.05705 Online submission of competitive sealed bids.—

22           (1) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5), an  
23 agency, county, or municipality that is required to make  
24 purchases of commodities or contractual services through  
25 competitive solicitation must provide vendors the option to  
26 submit competitive sealed bids through a uniform secure  
27 electronic interactive Internet system.

28           (2) Agencies, counties, and municipalities must include in  
29 invitations to bid notification to vendors apprising them of the

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30 option to submit sealed bids electronically and of any special  
31 conditions, requirements, or procedures particular to electronic  
32 submissions of competitive sealed bids.

33 (3) The department shall adopt rules establishing  
34 procedures and requirements for the electronic submission,  
35 receipt, and processing of competitive sealed bids under this  
36 section.

37 (4) A county or municipality that is without available  
38 high-speed Internet access is exempt from the requirements of  
39 subsections (1) and (2) until such time as high-speed Internet  
40 access becomes available to the county or municipality.

41 (5) A county or municipality having a population of fewer  
42 than 25,000 is exempt from the requirements of subsections (1)  
43 and (2).

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.