

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 5, 2011

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 2134, same being:

An act relating to the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 2134, relating to the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, provides for the following:

- Creates a process within the statutes, establishing standards for the competitive procurement of goods and services by Citizens.
- Requires competitive solicitation for goods and services valued at or above \$35,000, except office space, which is currently subject to the public property and publicly owned building statutes.
- Requires that purchases of goods and services over \$10 million include a business case review before review and approval by the Citizens Board of Governors (board).
- Prohibits the division of goods and services to circumvent the provisions of the amendment.
- Specifies under which circumstances a competitive solicitation shall use each of the following methods: Invitation to Bid (ITB); request for proposal (RFP); invitation to negotiate (ITN); or reverse auction. The amendment outlines the criteria that must be used for evaluating ITBs, RFPs, and ITNs.
- Requires that all contracts executed on or after January 1, 2012, be posted electronically on Citizens' website for public access.
- Requires that all qualified sole source purchases be posted to the website for 10 business days prior to execution.
- Requires that Citizens' purchasing policy include procedures for protecting against any conflicts of interest by Citizens board members, employees, any public official, other expert consultants who are acting as evaluators in the purchasing process, or employees of the executive or legislative branch, concerning any aspect of the solicitation.
- Provides that Citizens shall strive to increase business with minority business enterprises and Florida small business enterprises.
- Requires the board to annually review and adopt the purchasing policy of the corporation to ensure compliance and to submit a copy of the policy to the Office of Insurance Regulation.
- Provides the Auditor General with access to any Citizens procurement documents and related material.