

1 AN ACT concerning counties.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 5-1022 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1022) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1022)

7 Sec. 5-1022. Competitive bids.

8 (a) Any purchase by a county with fewer than 2,000,000
9 inhabitants of services, materials, equipment or supplies in
10 excess of \$20,000, ~~\$10,000~~, other than professional services,
11 shall be contracted for in one of the following ways:

12 (1) by a contract let to the lowest responsible
13 bidder after advertising for bids in a newspaper
14 published within the county or, if no newspaper is
15 published within the county, then a newspaper having
16 general circulation within the county; or

17 (2) by a contract let without advertising for bids
18 in the case of an emergency if authorized by the county
19 board.

20 (b) In determining the lowest responsible bidder, the
21 county board shall take into consideration the qualities of
22 the articles supplied; their conformity with the
23 specifications; their suitability to the requirements of the
24 county, availability of support services; uniqueness of the
25 service, materials, equipment, or supplies as it applies to
26 networked, integrated computer systems; compatibility to
27 existing equipment; and the delivery terms. The county board
28 also may take into consideration whether a bidder is a
29 private enterprise or a State-controlled enterprise and,
30 notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or a
31 lower bid by a State-controlled enterprise, may let a

1 contract to the lowest responsible bidder that is a private
2 enterprise.

3 (c) This Section does not apply to contracts by a county
4 with the federal government or to purchases of used
5 equipment, purchases at auction or similar transactions which
6 by their very nature are not suitable to competitive bids,
7 pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the county board.

8 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a
9 county may let without advertising for bids in the case of
10 purchases and contracts, when individual orders do not exceed
11 \$25,000, for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or
12 installation of data processing equipment, software, or
13 services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment,
14 software, and services.

15 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a
16 county by unanimous consent of the county board may let,
17 without advertising for bids, contracts for the use,
18 purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of public
19 safety equipment and related telecommunications and
20 inter-connect equipment, software, and services.

21 (Source: P.A. 90-517, eff. 8-22-97.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.