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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Construction  
2 Alternatives Act; to amend sections 13-2903 and 13-2904, Reissue  
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-2914, Revised Statutes  
4 Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine a term; to require a  
5 determination statement in a resolution adopted by the governing  
6 body of a political subdivision as prescribed; to change provisions  
7 relating to projects included or excluded under the act; and to  
8 repeal the original sections.  
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 13-2903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 13-2903 For purposes of the Political Subdivisions Construction  
4 Alternatives Act:

5 (1) Construction management at risk contract means a contract by  
6 which a construction manager (a) assumes the legal responsibility to  
7 deliver a construction project within a contracted price to the political  
8 subdivision, (b) acts as a construction consultant to the political  
9 subdivision during the design development phase of the project when the  
10 political subdivision's architect or engineer designs the project, and  
11 (c) is the builder during the construction phase of the project;

12 (2) Construction manager means the legal entity which proposes to  
13 enter into a construction management at risk contract pursuant to the  
14 act;

15 (3) Design-build contract means a contract which is subject to  
16 qualification-based selection between a political subdivision and a  
17 design-builder to furnish (a) architectural, engineering, and related  
18 design services for a project pursuant to the act and (b) labor,  
19 materials, supplies, equipment, and construction services for a project  
20 pursuant to the act;

21 (4) Design-builder means the legal entity which proposes to enter  
22 into a design-build contract which is subject to qualification-based  
23 selection pursuant to the act;

24 (5) Letter of interest means a statement indicating interest to  
25 enter into a design-build contract or a construction management at risk  
26 contract for a project pursuant to the act;

27 (6) Performance-criteria developer means any person licensed or any  
28 organization issued a certificate of authorization to practice  
29 architecture or engineering pursuant to the Engineers and Architects  
30 Regulation Act who is selected by a political subdivision to assist the  
31 political subdivision in the development of project performance criteria,

1 requests for proposals, evaluation of proposals, evaluation of the  
2 construction under a design-build contract to determine adherence to the  
3 performance criteria, and any additional services requested by the  
4 political subdivision to represent its interests in relation to a  
5 project;

6 (7) Political subdivision means a city, village, county, natural  
7 resources district, school district, community college, or state college;

8 (8) Project performance criteria means the performance requirements  
9 of the project suitable to allow the design-builder to make a proposal.  
10 Performance requirements include the following, if required by the  
11 project: Capacity, durability, standards, ingress and egress  
12 requirements, description of the site, surveys, soil and environmental  
13 information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material  
14 quality standards, design and construction schedules, site development  
15 requirements, provisions for utilities, storm water retention and  
16 disposal, parking requirements, applicable governmental code  
17 requirements, and other criteria for the intended use of the project;

18 (9) Proposal means an offer in response to a request for proposals  
19 (a) by a design-builder to enter into a design-build contract for a  
20 project pursuant to the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives  
21 Act or (b) by a construction manager to enter into a construction  
22 management at risk contract for a project pursuant to the act;

23 (10) Qualification-based selection process means a process of  
24 selecting a design-builder based first on the qualifications of the  
25 design-builder and then on the design-builder's proposed approach to the  
26 design and construction of the project;

27 (11) Request for letters of interest means the documentation or  
28 publication by which a political subdivision solicits letters of  
29 interest;

30 (12) Request for proposals means the documentation by which a  
31 political subdivision solicits proposals; and

1 (13) School district means any school district classified under  
2 section 79-102.

3 Sec. 2. Section 13-2904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 13-2904 (1) Notwithstanding the procedures for public lettings in  
6 sections 73-101 to 73-106 or any other statute relating to the letting of  
7 bids by a political subdivision, a political subdivision which follows  
8 the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act may solicit and  
9 execute a design-build contract or a construction management at risk  
10 contract.

11 (2) The governing body of the political subdivision shall adopt a  
12 resolution selecting the design-build contract or construction management  
13 at risk contract delivery system provided under the act prior to  
14 proceeding with the provisions of sections 13-2905 to 13-2914. The  
15 resolution shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of  
16 the governing body of the political subdivision. For a project authorized  
17 under subsection (3) of section 13-2914, the resolution shall include a  
18 statement that the political subdivision has made a determination that  
19 the design-build contract or construction management at risk contract  
20 delivery system is in the public interest based, at a minimum, on one of  
21 the following criteria: (a) Savings in cost or time or (b) requirement of  
22 specialized or complex construction methods suitable for the design-build  
23 contract or construction management at risk contract delivery system.

24 Sec. 3. Section 13-2914, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
25 2020, is amended to read:

26 13-2914 (1) A political subdivision shall not use a design-build  
27 contract or construction management at risk contract under the Political  
28 Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act for a project, in whole or in  
29 part, for road, street, or highway, ~~water, wastewater, utility, or sewer~~  
30 construction. τ

31 (2) ~~A~~ except that a city of the metropolitan class may use a design-

1 build contract or construction management at risk contract under the  
2 Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act for the purpose of  
3 complying with state or federal requirements to control or minimize  
4 overflows from combined sewers.

5 (3) A political subdivision may use a design-build contract or  
6 construction management at risk contract under the Political Subdivisions  
7 Construction Alternatives Act for a project, in whole or in part, for  
8 water, wastewater, utility, or sewer construction.

9 Sec. 4. Original sections 13-2903 and 13-2904, Reissue Revised  
10 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-2914, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
11 Supplement, 2020, are repealed.