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**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP  
GUIDANCE AND SECURE QUALIFIED TRAINING ON BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR  
PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF STATE  
AGENCIES AND LOCAL PUBLIC BODIES THAT WILL ENABLE FAIR  
COMPETITION BY NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks forty-eighth in the nation in  
job growth; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Code provides preferences to New  
Mexico resident businesses and contractors, including resident  
veteran businesses and contractors, when a public body makes a  
purchase using a formal bid or request-for-proposals process;  
and

WHEREAS, the procurement process is used to procure  
technical and professional services and certain items of

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1 tangible personal property by state agencies and local public  
2 bodies; and

3 WHEREAS, state agencies and local public bodies include  
4 mandatory requirements in bids and requests for proposals that  
5 unnecessarily and unfairly place New Mexico resident businesses  
6 and contractors at a competitive disadvantage; and

7 WHEREAS, the purchasing division of the general services  
8 department is empowered to procure a price agreement for  
9 services, construction or items of personal property, which may  
10 then be used by other state agencies and local public bodies to  
11 procure the services and property without further competitive  
12 processes; and

13 WHEREAS, current statewide price agreements do not  
14 identify vendors that are New Mexico resident businesses or  
15 contractors;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of general services be  
18 requested to develop guidance and secure qualified training for  
19 employees of state agencies and local public bodies by persons  
20 experienced with the specifications and contractual terms in  
21 bids and requests for proposals that will not impede and will  
22 enable fair competition by New Mexico resident businesses and  
23 contractors for government contracts; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a New Mexico resident  
25 business or contractor is a vendor on a statewide price

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1 agreement, the secretary of general services will identify the  
2 resident business or contractor on the agreement and on any  
3 vendor list maintained by the purchasing division; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the secretary of general services.

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