AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT MAY USE A DESIGN AND BUILD DELIVERY SYSTEM IN FISCAL YEARS 1999 THROUGH 2003 FOR TWO PROJECTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION.--Notwithstanding the prohibition and requirements of Subsection A of Section 13-1-119.1 NMSA 1978, the state highway and transportation department may, pursuant to the Procurement Code, use a design and build delivery system in fiscal years 1999 through 2003 for two highway construction or reconstruction projects. The projects selected by the state highway and transportation department shall be comparable to other highway construction or reconstruction projects to assist the department in evaluating the advantages, if any, of using a design and build delivery system, including cost savings, time savings, improved quality, innovation, lower incidence of claims, improved risk management and reduced project administration.

Section 2. REPEAL.--Section 1 of this act is repealed on July 1, 2003.

Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.______