

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP GUIDANCE AND SECURE QUALIFIED TRAINING ON BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS THAT WILL PROMOTE FAIR COMPETITION AND TRANSPARENCY FOR NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS.

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

WHEREAS, the state 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 tangible personal property by state agencies and local public bodies; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local public bodies should include mandatory requirements in bids and requests for proposals that will place New Mexico resident businesses and contractors in the fairest, most transparent and competitive position for procurements; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing division of the general services department is empowered to procure a price agreement for

services, construction or items of personal property, which may then be used by other state agencies and local public bodies to procure the services and property without further competitive processes; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of general services be requested to develop guidance and secure qualified training for chief procurement officers of state agencies and local public bodies by persons experienced with the specifications and contractual terms in bids and requests for proposals that will promote fair competition and transparency for New Mexico resident businesses and contractors for government contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a New Mexico resident business or contractor is a vendor on a statewide price agreement, the secretary of general services will identify the resident business or contractor on the price agreement; and

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