

HB 561 -- Design-Build Contracts

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This bill authorizes design-build contracts in certain instances. The bill:

- (1) Allows the Director of the Division of Design and Construction to determine whether a design-build procurement process is necessary for certain projects;
- (2) Authorizes the division to contract with consultants for the purposes of preparing proposals, reviewing documents, resolving disputes, and making inspections;
- (3) Creates an evaluation team within the division for the purpose of reviewing design-build proposals;
- (4) Develops a three-phase process in which proposals may be solicited. The first phase involves the soliciting of qualified design builders, phase two narrows the field of qualified design builders, and phase three is the bid submission; and
- (5) Requires the division to reimburse unsuccessful bidders for costs incurred during the proposal submission process.

The provisions of the bill expire December 31, 2005.