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Overview

Provides that state departments must not discriminate against bidders or contractors for construction contracts based on whether the bidders or contractors have entered into or adhered to agreements with labor organizations.

Section

1 State department requirements.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "construction contract" and "labor organization" for purposes of this section.

Subd. 2. Prohibitions. Provides that state department construction contract documents must not require or prohibit bidders, contractors, subcontractors or vendors to, or from, entering into or adhering to agreements with labor organizations, and must not otherwise discriminate based on adhering to these agreements.

Subd. 3. Contractors and subcontractors. States that this section does not prohibit a contractor or subcontractor from voluntarily entering into an agreement with a labor organization.

Subd. 4. Exemptions. Allows the commissioner of a state department to exempt a project or contracts from this section under special circumstances. These special circumstances cannot include specified types of labor disputes.

Subd. 5. Future contracts. Requires state departments, to the extent practical and permitted by law, to conform future contracts, bid specifications, project agreements,

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and other documents to implement this section.

Subd. 6. Inconsistent policies. Requires state commissioners to revoke rules, policies and related documents dealing with construction contracts that are not consistent with this section.

Subd. 7. Intent. States the intent of this section, and provides that this section doesn't create rights to additional administrative or judicial review, or to any additional substantive or procedural right.