Overview

This bill makes changes to the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. Among other things, it provides for electronic contract documents, allows single source contracts in certain cases, allows a municipality to consider factors in addition to price in determining a contract award, makes certain bid responses nonpublic data until the contract is awarded, and allows a municipality to purchase from federal supplier lists without seeking other bids.

Section

1 **Contract defined.** Redefines "contract" to mean any written instrument or electronic document with an offer, acceptance and consideration to which a municipality is a party.

2 **Best value defined.** Defines "best value" to mean a result intended in the acquisition of goods and services in which price must be considered, and in which other criteria, such as environmental considerations, quality, and vendor performance, may be considered.

3 **Sealed defined.** Defines "sealed" to mean a method of preventing the contents from being revealed or known before the deadline.

4 **Single source defined.** Defines "single source" to mean only one supplier is reasonably available after the municipality has searched available vendor lists and other standard business resources.

5 **Contract award.** Permits a contract to be awarded based on best value. Requires a best value determination to be detailed in the solicitation document. Permits using the principles of life-cycle costing to determine the lowest overall bid.

6 **Information in bids and proposals.** Provides for information in an information technology or software vendor's response to a request for proposal, other than the name of the vendor, to be nonpublic data under the government data practices act until completion of the evaluation process. Makes all information public information at the time of the award, unless otherwise provided in the government data practices act.
Multiple awards. Permits a municipality to award a contract to more than one vendor if it is in the municipality's best interests.

Single source. Permits single source purchasing if there is clearly and legitimately only a single source and the price is fair and reasonable.

Federal agency price schedules. Permits contracts with suppliers with published price schedules effective for sales to the federal government without first following the solicitation process.