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AN ACT relating to purchasing by local governments; revising the provisions pursuant to which certain local governments advertise and award contracts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 332.039 is hereby amended to read as follows:

332.039 1. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute:

(a) A governing body or its authorized representative ~~in a county whose population is 100,000 or more~~ shall advertise all contracts for which the estimated amount required to perform the contract exceeds \$25,000.

(b) ~~Such a~~ A governing body or its authorized representative may enter into a contract of any nature without advertising if the estimated amount required to perform the contract is \$25,000 or less.

(c) If the estimated amount required to perform the contract is more than \$10,000 but not more than \$25,000, requests for bids must be submitted *by the governing body or its authorized representative* to two or more persons capable of performing the contract, if available. The governing body or its authorized representative shall maintain a record of all requests for bids and all bids received *for the contract* for at least 7 years after the date of execution of the contract.

2. This section does not prohibit a governing body or its authorized representative from advertising for or requesting bids regardless of the estimated amount to perform the contract.

Sec. 2. NRS 332.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

332.045 1. The advertisement required by ~~paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 332.035,~~ paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of ~~[NRS 332.036 and]~~ NRS 332.039 must be published at least once and not less than 7 days before the opening of bids. The advertisement must be by notice to bid, and must be published in a newspaper published and having general circulation within the county wherein the local government, or a major portion thereof, is situated. If no such newspaper is published in the county, then publication must be in any newspaper published in the state having general circulation in the county.

2. The notice must state:

(a) The nature, character or object of the contract.

(b) If plans and specifications are to constitute part of the contract, where the plans and specifications may be seen.

- (c) The time and place where bids will be received and opened.
- (d) Such other matters as may properly pertain to giving notice to bid.

Sec. 3. NRS 332.035 and 332.036 are hereby repealed.