



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 644

SENATE BILL NO. 1713

By Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1671

By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to requirements given in invitations to bidders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-119, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

62-6-119.

(a) Any person or entity preparing plans, specifications or any other documentation for inclusion in an invitation to bid or comparable bid document including any electronic bidding documents, shall reference this chapter in such documentation and include a specific statement informing the invited bidder that it is necessary for such bidder to be properly licensed at the time of the bid and provide evidence of compliance with the applicable provisions of this chapter before such bid may be considered.

(b) The person or entity involved in the preparation of the invitation to bid or comparable bid documents, including any electronic bid documents, shall direct that the following information be written upon the bid envelope or provided within the electronic bid document:

(1) The name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractor applying to bid for the prime contract;

(2) The name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractor applying to bid for the masonry contract where the total cost of the materials and labor for the masonry portion of the construction project exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);

(3) The name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractor applying to bid for the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, or air conditioning contracts except when such contractor's portion of the construction project is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);

(4) For each vertical closed loop geothermal heating and cooling project, the company name, department of environment and conservation license number, classification (G, L or G,L) and the expiration date, except when the geothermal portion of the construction project is in an amount less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);

(5) Prime contractor bidders who are to perform the masonry portion of the construction project which exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), materials and labor, the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation or air conditioning or the geothermal heating and cooling must be so designated; and

(6) Only one (1) contractor in each of the classifications listed above shall be written on the bid envelope or provided within the electronic bid document.

(c) Failure of any bidder to furnish the required information shall void such bid and such bid shall not be considered. Upon opening of the bid envelope or initial opening of an electronic bid, the names of all contractors listed shall be read aloud at the official bid opening and incorporated into the bid. Prior to awarding a contract, the awarding person or entity and its authorized representatives shall verify the accuracy, correctness and completeness of the required information, and any discrepancies found in the spelling of names of bidders, transposition of license numbers, or other similar typographical errors or omissions may be corrected within forty-eight (48) hours after the bid opening excluding weekends and state-recognized holidays.

(d) No invitation to bid may require that any subcontractor be identified, listed or designated until the final bid submission by the prime contractor, or that any prime contractor accept the bid of any subcontractor until the final bid submission by the prime contractor. This subsection (d) shall apply only to design/bid/build procurements where cost is the primary criterion for the contract award.

(e) Any person or entity, public and private, awarding a bid to a contractor who is not licensed in accordance with this chapter shall be subject to the penalty provided in § 62-6-120(b).

(f) Notwithstanding the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, relative to the amount of civil penalties that may be imposed, the board may impose a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for willful violation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 24, 2014



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR