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AN ACT

1 Providing for best-value procurement of computer equipment,
2 information systems and computer maintenance contracts in
3 lieu of bids.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Best-Value
8 Procurement Act.

9 Section 2. Counties.

10 (a) Best-value purchasing.--Notwithstanding any provision of
11 law to the contrary, county commissioners may purchase and may
12 contract to purchase computer equipment, information systems or
13 computer maintenance programs, or any combination thereof, at
14 best-value procurement in accordance with subsection (b).

15 (b) Bid process not required.--The authority to use best-
16 value procurement under subsection (a) shall permit the county
17 to purchase computers or information systems or contract for
18 computer maintenance without the necessity of conducting a bid

1 process. The county shall define its needs for current and
2 future purposes in the broadest of terms, and it may select a
3 vendor or vendors that can fulfill its needs and projected
4 needs. The main objective of best-value procurement is to give
5 the county the authority to use best value to meet its
6 requirements after it decides which vendor or vendors can
7 provide the computer, information system or equipment
8 maintenance contract, or any combination thereof, at the best
9 value to the county.

10 (c) Eligible counties.--All counties, regardless of class,
11 may utilize best-value procurement for the limited purposes set
12 forth in this section.

13 Section 3. Other municipalities.

14 (a) Best-value procurement.--Notwithstanding any provision
15 of law to the contrary, the elected officials of any other
16 municipality may purchase and may contract to purchase computer
17 equipment, information systems or computer maintenance programs,
18 or any combination thereof, at best-value procurement in
19 accordance with subsection (b).

20 (b) Bid process not required.--The authority to use best-
21 value procurement under subsection (a) shall permit a
22 municipality to purchase computers or information systems or
23 contract for computer maintenance without the necessity of
24 conducting a bid process. The municipality shall define its
25 needs for current and future purposes in the broadest of terms,
26 and it may select a vendor or vendors that can fulfill its needs
27 and projected needs. The main objective of best-value
28 procurement is to give the municipality the authority to use
29 best value to meet its requirements after it decides which
30 vendor or vendors can provide the computer equipment,

1 information system or computer maintenance contract, or any
2 combination thereof, at the best value to the municipality.

3 Section 4. School districts.

4 (a) Best-value procurement.--Notwithstanding any provision
5 of law to the contrary, the elected officials of any school
6 district may purchase and may contract to purchase computer
7 equipment, computer systems or computer maintenance programs, or
8 any combination thereof, at best-value procurement in accordance
9 with subsection (b).

10 (b) Bid process not required.--The authority to use best-
11 value procurement under subsection (a) shall permit a school
12 district to purchase computers or information systems or
13 contract for computer maintenance without the necessity of
14 conducting a bid process. The school district shall define its
15 needs for current and future purposes in the broadest of terms,
16 and it may select a vendor or vendors that can fulfill its needs
17 and projected needs. The main objective of best-value
18 procurement is to give the school district the authority to use
19 best value to meet its requirements, after it decides which
20 vendor or vendors can provide the computer equipment,
21 information system or computer maintenance contract, or any
22 combination thereof, at the best value to the school district.

23 Section 5. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 60 days.