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House Bill 1063

(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Design and Construction -
Alternative Project Delivery and Solicitation Methods**
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This bill repeals the \$2 million contract value threshold above which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) may enter into a “design/build contract” for a facilities construction contract. WSSC may adopt regulations to establish alternative project delivery and solicitation methods that are in the best interest of WSSC.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill only affects local government operations.

Local Effect: The bill’s changes to procurement methods for WSSC do not directly affect WSSC’s finances but may create operational efficiencies.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: WSSC may enter into any type of contract that promotes its best interest, but it may not enter into a cost-plus-percentage-of-cost contract, and it must prohibit a cost-plus-percentage-of-cost subcontract under a WSSC contract. A “design/build contract” is a contract that provides for both architectural and engineering design services and construction services as part of a single contract. WSSC is authorized to enter into a design/build contract for a facilities construction contract only if the contract’s value exceeds \$2.0 million.

WSSC may adopt regulations to establish a prequalification process for bidders or offerors, and must adopt regulations to govern discussions held with offerors, as specified.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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