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This bill amends the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law to permit an unsuccessful bidder challenging the validity of a municipal contract to receive attorney's fees, if the bidder wins a court finding that the municipality engaged in unlawful bidding practices. Provides for attorney fees to a municipality if it wins and the court finds the bidder's case lacked "substantial basis in fact or law."

The Uniform Municipal Contracting Law applies to a county, town, city, school district, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state authorized by law to enter into contracts. Minn. Stat. § 471.345, subd. 1.

It applies to contracts for "the sale or purchase of supplies, materials, equipment or the rental thereof, or the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of real or personal property." Minn. Stat. § 471.345, subd. 2.