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Bill Summary

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Overview

Makes changes in various laws governing the Department of Administration and the Office of Enterprise Technology.

Section

1   **Business as vendor.** Under current law, data submitted by a business in response to a request for bids or request for proposals are not public until bids are opened. Under this section, the data would become public at the time and date bids or proposals are due, as specified in the solicitation document.

      Provides that if all responses to a request for bids or proposals are rejected, all data other than the name of the bidder/responder (and the dollar amount in the response, in the case of a bid) are not public until a resolicitation results in completion of the selection process.

2   **State agency technology projects.** Requires that state agencies with technology projects transfer the IT cost portion to the Office of Enterprise Technology.

3   **Resident vendor.** Amends the definition of "resident vendor" for purposes of procurement laws administered by the department. Adds to the requirements to be a resident vendor, a determination that the business has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in Minnesota, has a business address in Minnesota, and has claimed resident vendor status in its bid or proposal. (Under current law, Minnesota grants a preference to its resident vendors with respect to a nonresident vendor from a state that gives a preference to vendors from that state).

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4	**Solicitation process.** Refers to section 13.591 (section 1 of this bill) in specifying when responses become public.
5	**Service contracts.** Current law has certain requirements that apply to "service contracts" (defined in current law as contract for services that are not professional or technical in nature). This section makes the current requirements apply only to contracts valued in excess of $5,000.
6	**Expenditures under specified amounts.** Under current law, the required solicitation process does not apply to acquisitions under $2,500. This section raises that threshold to $5,000.
7	**Nonvisual technology access standards.** Provides that agencies subject to OET accessibility standards are not required to include nonvisual technology access standards developed by the commissioner of administration in contracts for procurement of information technology.
8	**Solicitation of qualifications or proposals; design-build.** The current design-build laws require that notice of requests for qualifications or proposals must be advertised in the State Register. This section provides instead that these must be advertised in the manner designated by the commissioner of administration.
9	**Solicitation of qualifications; construction manager at risk.** The current construction manager at risk laws require that notice of requests for qualifications must be advertised in the State Register. This section provides instead that these must be advertised in the manner designated by the commissioner of administration.
10	**Fees.** Refers to the convenience fee authorized in the next section.
11	**Private entity services; fee authority; council established.** Authorizes OET to enter into a contract with a private entity to manage the North Star online government information services function. Authorizes payment of a fee to the private entity, and authorizes the private entity under the contract to charge users a fee of up to $2 per transaction. Appropriates proceeds from the fee to OET for payment to the private contractor. Establishes an e-government advisory council to improve online government information services.