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Section

- 1 Acquisition authority.** Under current law, when the Commissioner of Administration uses a request for bids process to acquire goods or services, the bid must be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, taking into account certain matters specified in law and in the request for bids. This bill provides that in determining whether the lowest bidder is responsive and responsible, the commissioner must consider: quality and timeliness of the bidder's past work; compliance with state laws, rules, and goals, such as laws governing: payments to employees and others, OSHA, taxes, prevailing wages, targeted group businesses and diverse business enterprises, apprenticeship programs; work stoppages or delays caused by failure to pay subcontractors on time; and laws relating to independent contractors. Requires the Commissioner of Administration to keep records for five years showing considerations made regarding a determination of whether a bidder is responsive and responsible.