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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 34, RSMo, by adding thereto five new sections relating to the establishment of the open contracting act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 34, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto five new sections, to be known as sections 34.203, 34.206, 34.209, 34.212, and 34.215, to read as follows:

34.203. The provisions of sections 34.203 to 34.215 shall be known and may be cited as the "Open Contracting Act".

34.206. The purpose of sections 34.203 to 34.215 is to prohibit public agencies from imposing certain labor requirements as a condition of performing public works.

34.209. Any state or political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof, when engaged in procuring products or services or letting contracts for manufacture of public works, or overseeing such procurement, construction, or manufacture, shall ensure that bid specification, project agreements, and other controlling documents entered into, required, or subject to approval by the subdivision, agency, or instrumentality do not:

(1) Require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations on the same or related projects;

(2) Discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors for entering or refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations on the same or related construction projects;

(3) Require or prohibit any bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor to enter

13 into, adhere to, or enforce any agreement that requires its employees as a condition of
14 employment to:

15 (a) Become members of or become affiliated with a labor organization; or

16 (b) Pay dues or fees to a labor organization, over an employee's objection, in excess
17 of the employee's share of labor organization costs relating to collective bargaining,
18 contract administration, or grievance adjustment.

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20 Nothing in sections 34.203 to 34.215 shall prohibit employers or other parties covered by
21 the National Labor Relations Act from entering into agreements or engaging in any other
22 activity arguable protected by law, nor shall any aspect of sections 34.203 to 34.215 be
23 interpreted in such a way as to interfere with the labor relations of parties covered by the
24 National Labor Relations Act.

34.212. 1. The state, any political subdivision of the state, or any agency or
2 instrumentality thereof shall not issue grants or enter into cooperative agreements for
3 construction projects, a condition of which requires that bid specifications, project
4 agreements, or other controlling documents pertaining to the grant or cooperative
5 agreement contain any of the elements specified in section 34.209.

6 2. The state, any political subdivision of the state, or any agency or instrumentality
7 thereof shall exercise such authority as may be required to preclude a grant recipient or
8 party to a cooperative agreement from imposing any of the elements specified in section
9 34.209 in connection with any grant or cooperative agreement awarded or entered into.
10 Nothing in sections 34.203 to 34.215 shall prohibit contractors or subcontractors from
11 voluntarily entering into agreements described in section 34.209.

34.215. Any interested party, including a bidder, offeror, contractor, subcontractor,
2 or taxpayer, shall have standing to challenge any bid specification, project agreement,
3 controlling document, grant, or cooperative agreement which violates the provisions of
4 sections 34.203 to 34.215, and shall be awarded costs and attorney's fees if the challenge
5 prevails.