

HB 2345 -- POST AWARD NEGOTIATION

SPONSOR: Riggs

This bill also allows for the contract to be awarded to the lowest and best responsive vendor based on evaluation criteria specified in the solicitation. Certain contract provisions are reserved for negotiation after the notice of award, excluding those that were part of the evaluation criteria. The solicitation sets the time frame for post-award negotiations, and if negotiations fail, the Commissioner has the authority to cancel the award and grant it to the next lowest and best vendor. The Commissioner may waive post-award negotiations if satisfied with the lowest and best responsive vendor's proposal.