

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP  
12 GUIDANCE AND SECURE QUALIFIED TRAINING ON BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR  
13 PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF STATE  
14 AGENCIES AND LOCAL PUBLIC BODIES THAT WILL ENABLE FAIR  
15 COMPETITION BY NEW MEXICO RESIDENT BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS.

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17 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks forty-eighth in the nation in  
18 job growth; and

19 WHEREAS, the Procurement Code provides preferences to New  
20 Mexico resident businesses and contractors, including resident  
21 veteran businesses and contractors, when a public body makes a  
22 purchase using a formal bid or request-for-proposals process;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the procurement process is used to procure  
25 technical and professional services and certain items of

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1     tangible personal property by state agencies and local public  
2     bodies; and

3             WHEREAS, state agencies and local public bodies include  
4     mandatory requirements in bids and requests for proposals that  
5     unnecessarily and unfairly place New Mexico resident businesses  
6     and contractors at a competitive disadvantage; and

7             WHEREAS, the purchasing division of the general services  
8     department is empowered to procure a price agreement for  
9     services, construction or items of personal property, which may  
10    then be used by other state agencies and local public bodies to  
11    procure the services and property without further competitive  
12    processes; and

13            WHEREAS, current statewide price agreements do not  
14    identify vendors that are New Mexico resident businesses or  
15    contractors;

16            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17    STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of general services be  
18    requested to develop guidance and secure qualified training for  
19    employees of state agencies and local public bodies by persons  
20    experienced with the specifications and contractual terms in  
21    bids and requests for proposals that will not impede and will  
22    enable fair competition by New Mexico resident businesses and  
23    contractors for government contracts; and

24            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a New Mexico resident  
25    business or contractor is a vendor on a statewide price

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1 agreement, the secretary of general services identify the  
2 resident business or contractor on the agreement and on any  
3 vendor list maintained by the purchasing division; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the secretary of general services.