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Short Title: IT Procurement/Promote Competition.

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Sponsors: Representative Saine.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROMOTE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COST SAVINGS THROUGH
3 COMPETITION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 147-33.95 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(e1) The purpose of this subsection is to allow multiple vendors to compete and be
7 awarded a contract based upon the value of their products and services, resulting in competitive
8 pricing, transparency, administrative savings, expedited procurement, and flexibility for State
9 agencies and other users. Therefore, the acquisition of computers, computer-related devices,
10 and networking equipment and services shall be conducted using multiple award schedule
11 contracts, whenever the hardware and related services are available from multiple
12 manufacturers, suppliers, or vendors. No later than October 1, 2015, the Office of Information
13 Technology Services shall issue requests for proposals for multiple award schedule contracts
14 for computers, computer-related devices, and networking equipment and services that are
15 available from multiple manufacturers, suppliers, and vendors. Contracts shall be awarded to
16 all manufacturers, suppliers, or vendors who are qualified under the request for proposals.
17 Contracts awarded under this subsection shall be for a term of not less than two years, with the
18 option to renew for one additional year, with annual product and services updates. The Office
19 of Information Technology Services shall not enter into single manufacturer contracts for the
20 acquisition of computers, computer-related devices, and networking equipment and services
21 whenever the hardware and related services are available from multiple manufacturers,
22 suppliers, or vendors.

23 For the purposes of this section, a "multiple award service contract" means a contract that
24 allows multiple vendors to be awarded a contract for their information technology goods and
25 services based on their qualifications."

26 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of G.S. 147-33.95(e1), as enacted by this act, do not
27 apply to contracts awarded to multiple manufacturers, suppliers, or vendors that have been
28 awarded under a competitive bidding process within the 24 months immediately preceding the
29 day this act becomes law.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

