

**LEGISLATIVE ACTS PASSED IMPACTING PROCURMENT
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

1. **HB 1595 / ACT 725** - Construction Thresholds Increase:
 - Construction work threshold increased from \$20,000 to **\$35,000**;
 - *Effective Date: 8/1/17.*

2. **HB 2096 / ACT 1004** – AR Procurement New Bid Limits:
 - Small Procurements purchase price increased from \$10,000 to **\$20,000**;
 - Competitive Sealed Bids contracts requirement increased from \$50,000 to **\$75,000**;
 - Contracts with purchase price >\$20,000 - \$75,000 may be awarded by competitive bid procedures; (Increased from >\$10,000);
 - *Effective Date: 8/1/17.*

3. **HB 2218 / ACT 1080** – Minority Act:
 - Women-Owned Businesses Added;
 - Minority Business Goal increased from 10% to **15%**:
 - **2%** Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business
 - **5%** Women-Owned Business
 - **8%** all other Minority Business
 - Information on Page 11 of the act states we are allowed to purchase up to 2 times the amount stated in 19-11-204 (13) without competitive bids when dealing with a Certified Minority Business Enterprise or Certified Women-Owned Business Enterprise.
 - Reporting changed from quarterly to every 6 months.
 - *Effective Date: 8/1/17.*

4. **SB448 / ACT 696** - Negotiate Contract:
 - Act to Amend AR Procurement Law; Expand the State’s Ability to Negotiate Contracts;
 - Defines “Collusion”;
 - Require Review of Contract Before it is Ratified or Affirmed;
 - Note-Very Little Impact on UAF due to our already expanded signature authority (APO);
 - *Effective Date: 8/1/17.*

5. **SB601 / ACT 1068** – Prevailing Wage – Did Away with the Law (Emergency Clause):
 - Provides Flexibility to Cities and Counties for Capital Construction Projects;
 - Present law regarding prevailing wages for public work projects found to place a substantial burden on AR taxpayers; Emergency declared to exist as repealing the prevailing wage law will require substantial work by state agencies in revising contracts and RFP’s;
 - *Effective immediately*

6. **SB449 / ACT 882** - Clarify Protested Solicitations under AR Procurement Law:
 - Clarifies that the AR State Claims Commission has Exclusive Jurisdiction over All claims against the State in connection with solicitation or award of a Contract, including Protests;

- Clarifies Administrative Protest Determinations regarding Protests are Final & Conclusive and are not orders subject to the AR Administrative Procedure Act;
- *Effective Date: 8/1/17.*

7. **HB2127 / ACT 1076** - Collection of Property Tax from Lessee of State owned Properties:

- Provides for Taxation of State-Owned Property held under a Lease;
- Allows for the Assessment & Collection of Property Tax from Lessee;
- Notable exclusion for property used to house Student or Faculty of State Higher Ed Institution; and for property used to house Officials, Employees or Official Guests of State Entity;
- *Effective Date: 8/1/17.*

8. **HB1839/ACT617** - Local Food purchases

For the fiscal year 2018 each agency shall attempt to ensure that 10% of food purchases is spend on local farm or food products.

- *Effective Date: 8/1/2017.*