

- (k) "Public work contract" means a contract for construction of a public work.
- (l) "Worker" means a laborer or mechanic.

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(c) (1) A contract for the school building, improvements, supplies, or other equipment shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who conforms to specifications with consideration given to:

- (i) The quantities involved;
- (ii) The time required for delivery;
- (iii) The purpose for which required;
- (iv) The competency and responsibility of the bidder; [and]
- (v) The ability of the bidder to perform satisfactory service; AND
- (vi) THE PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF MINORITY CONTRACTORS.

(2) The county board may reject any and all bids and readvertise for other bids.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the prequalification questionnaires administered by county boards of education for the purposes of soliciting bids for school construction shall include questions regarding the diversity of the board of directors of interested contractors.

SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 209

(Senate Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

State Government - Department of Planning

FOR the purpose of removing provisions designating the Office of Planning as a separate unit of State government; renaming the Office of Planning to be the Department of Planning, and making it a principal department of State government; specifying that the head of the Department of Planning is the Secretary of Planning; directing the Secretary to report directly to the Governor; specifying the duties and functions of the Secretary and of the Department of Planning; requiring the Attorney General to assign a certain number of assistant attorneys general to perform certain duties and functions in the