

Committee on Governmental Oversight And Accountability

CS/CS/HB 1137 — Information Technology Procurement

by State Affairs Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; and Rep. Fabricio and others (CS/CS/SB 1448 by Appropriations Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senator Jones)

The bill expands the powers, duties, and functions of the Florida Digital Service (FDS).

The bill requires the FDS to establish technical standards to ensure that state agencies' information technology (IT) projects comply with the enterprise architecture.

The bill decreases the cost threshold that triggers the FDS oversight of cabinet agency IT projects from \$25 million to \$20 million and removes the requirement that a cabinet agency IT project impact one or more other agencies before triggering the FDS project oversight.

The bill requires the FDS to include in its IT-related policies a requirement that IT commodities and services purchased by the state meet the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework.

For an IT project where project oversight is required, the FDS must include in its IT-related policies a requirement that independent verification and validation (IV&V) be employed throughout the project lifecycle. Entities providing IV&V may not have a technical, managerial, or financial interest.

For state agency IT projects totaling \$10 million or more, a state agency must provide written notice to the FDS of any planned procurements. For these IT projects, the FDS must participate in the development of specifications and recommend modification of any planned procurements to ensure it complies with the enterprise architecture and must participate in post-award contract monitoring.

The bill provides that if an agency issues a request for quote (RFQ) to purchase information technology commodities, consultant services, or staff augmentation contractual services from the state term contract, for any contract with 25 approved vendors or fewer, the agency must issue a RFQ to all vendors approved to provide such commodity or service. For any contract with more than 25 approved vendors, the agency must issue a RFQ to at least 25 of the vendors approved to provide such commodity or contractual service.

Beginning October 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Department of Management Services must prequalify firms and individuals to provide IT staff augmentation contractual services on a state term contract.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 107-10