

By Senator Holzendorf

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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to water management district  
 3           minority and woman-owned business contracting;  
 4           amending s. 373.607, F.S.; authorizing the  
 5           South Florida Water Management District to  
 6           provide financial incentives to prime  
 7           contractors who increase participation of  
 8           minority and woman-owned businesses as  
 9           subcontractors; providing a definition;  
 10          providing for contract criteria; providing an  
 11          appropriation; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15           Section 1. Section 373.607, Florida Statutes, is  
 16 amended to read:

17           373.607 Minority business enterprise procurement  
 18 goals; implementation of recommendations.--

19           (1) Each water management district, as created in this  
 20 chapter, may implement the recommendations from any study  
 21 conducted pursuant to chapter 91-162, Laws of Florida, to  
 22 achieve minority business enterprise procurement goals.

23           (2) To assist the South Florida Water Management  
 24 District in increasing participation of locally owned minority  
 25 and woman-owned businesses at the subcontractor level, the  
 26 South Florida Water Management District is authorized to  
 27 provide financial incentives to prime contractors who  
 28 successfully increase the utilization of such businesses under  
 29 their contracts. For purposes of this section, "locally owned"  
 30 means businesses owned, located, and operated in an area  
 31 geographically close to where the work pursuant to the

1 contract will be performed. Such financial incentives shall be  
2 payable to the prime contractor only upon successful  
3 completion of the contract and after meeting criteria  
4 established by the South Florida Water Management District  
5 documenting that minority and woman-owned business  
6 participation in such contract was increased as a result of  
7 greater efforts and involvement by the prime contractor to  
8 obtain such participation. The South Florida Water Management  
9 District may develop specific criteria and guidelines for each  
10 contract.

11 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2  
12 million dollars from the General Revenue Fund to the South  
13 Florida Water Management District to implement provisions of  
14 this act.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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18 HOUSE SUMMARY

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20 Authorizes the South Florida Water Management District to  
21 provide financial incentives for contractors utilizing  
22 locally owned minority and woman-owned businesses as  
23 subcontractors. Defines "locally owned." Authorizes the  
24 water management district to develop criteria for  
25 documenting increased contract participation by such  
26 subcontractors. Provides an appropriation.

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