By Senator Hays

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to local government construction preferences; amending s. 287.084, F.S.; prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting a certified contractor's competition for award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 287.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.084 Preference to Florida businesses.-

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- (c) 1. For a competitive solicitation for construction services in which 20 percent or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds, a local ordinance or regulation may not restrict a certified contractor as defined in s.

 489.105(8) from competing for an award based upon:
- a. The vendor's maintaining an office or place of business within a particular local jurisdiction;
- b. The vendor's hiring employees or subcontractors from within a particular local jurisdiction; or
- c. The vendor's prior payment of local taxes, assessments, or duties within a particular local jurisdiction.

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2. For any competitive solicitation subject to this section, a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision shall disclose in the solicitation document whether payment will be made from funds appropriated by the state and, if known, the amount of such funds or the percentage of such funds as compared to the anticipated total cost of the construction services.

3. Except as provided in subparagraph 1., this section does not prevent a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision from awarding a contract to any vendor in accordance with applicable state laws or local ordinances or regulations. As used in this section, the term "other political subdivision of this state" does not include counties or municipalities.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.