

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1706

By: Wilson of the House

and

Maddox of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Center Act; stating legislative findings; defining terms; directing the State Board of Career and Technology Education to establish an Oklahoma government bid assistance center program; requiring the Board to designate certain technology center schools as centers; requiring sites to be accessible; directing the Board to explore funding options; specifying certain bid assistance programs; providing for establishment of a repository; specifying information in repository; providing for certain training programs; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-130 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Center Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-131 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there is a need for one or more centralized centers to provide assistance, training and information to Oklahoma businesses and industries in order for such businesses and industries to be in a position to bid on government contracts.

B. For purposes of the Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Center Act, "government contract" means any contract bid by a state agency or local governmental entity as defined in Section 85.2 of

Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

C. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall establish an Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Center Program. The Board shall designate one or more technology center schools with adequate facilities which may serve as a bid assistance service center and to provide bid assistance programs as provided for in Section 3 of this act.

D. In selecting the site or sites to serve as a bid assistance service center, the Board shall consider the accessibility of the site to the largest number of businesses and industries in the state.

E. The Board shall explore all possible sources of funding and in-kind contributions from federal, local, and private sources in establishing and enhancing the center or centers and programs.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-132 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any bid assistance service center created pursuant to the Oklahoma Government Bid Assistance Center Act, shall include, but not be limited to, the following service programs for Oklahoma businesses and industries:

1. A repository for nonpayroll purchasing information from government contracts. The repository shall identify and categorize purchases made by governmental entities of products from or manufactured by out-of-state companies. The repository shall maintain information relating to each identified purchase, including, but not limited to, the total number of bidders, the number of in-state bidders, the home office of the bidders, names of the successful bidders, type of product, and amount of product sold; and

2. Information and training programs for Oklahoma-based businesses and industries which will provide information and training aimed towards preparing such business and industries to bid on government contracts.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate