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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 19-126—sSB 916

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION
BY CONTRACTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUBCONTRACTORS**

SUMMARY: This act modifies the required contents of the application form used by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to prequalify state public works contractors. Specifically, it removes information related to pending matters and adds information about the nonpayment of wages or benefits. By law, state public works contracts that exceed \$500,000 (or \$1.5 million for DAS-administered projects) generally must be awarded to a contractor that is prequalified by DAS (CGS § 4b-91).

Under prior law, prequalification applicants were required to provide information about any legal or administrative proceedings pending or concluded adversely against them, or their principals or key personnel, within the last five years concerning the procurement or performance of any public or private construction contract. Applicants were also required to disclose knowledge of any pending investigation. The act eliminates the requirement that applicants provide information on pending investigations and proceedings, thus conforming with current DAS practice.

Under the act, applicants must additionally provide information about any legal or administrative proceedings concluded adversely against them or their principals or key personnel, within the last five years concerning the nonpayment or underpayment of employee wages or benefits during the performance of any public or private construction contract. By law, public works contractors generally must pay their workers the prevailing wage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019