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HOUSE BILL 1773

Short Title: Bidding Law Change/Watauga Hospital.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives G. Wilson; Baker and Hiatt.

Referred to: Local Government II.

May 25, 2000

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WATAUGA MEDICAL  
3 CENTER, INCORPORATED, TO ENTER INTO SINGLE-PRIME CONTRACTOR  
4 PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

Whereas, Watauga Medical Center, Incorporated, plans to renovate existing facilities and construct new facilities at Watauga County Hospital; and

Whereas, the project is extremely complex because it requires major construction with a minimum of disruption to the operation of the hospital; and

Whereas, specialty contractors are needed to (i) address the special problems that result from construction within an existing, ongoing medical facility and (ii) carry out construction projects that completely alter the scheme, layout, and design of the existing facility; and

Whereas, the potential for severe weather in the area requires a single contractor who can be flexible in the coordination of various components and stages of construction; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the  
7 General Statutes, the Board of Trustees of Watauga Medical Center, Incorporated, may  
8 (i) prequalify bidders and (ii) accept bids only under the single-prime contract system, for

1 the renovation of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities at Watauga  
2 County Hospital.

3 Section 1.(b) The Board shall award the contract for a project bid under this act  
4 to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance, and time  
5 specified in the bids for performance of the contract.

6 Section 1.(c) All bidders must identify on their bid the contractors they have  
7 selected for the subdivisions or branches of work for:

8 (1) Heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning;

9 (2) Plumbing;

10 (3) Electrical; and

11 (4) General.

12 No contractor whose bid is accepted shall substitute any person as  
13 subcontractor in the place of the subcontractor listed in the original bid, except with the  
14 approval of the Board for good cause shown by the contractor. The terms, conditions, and  
15 requirements of each contract between the prime contractor and a subcontractor  
16 performing work under a subdivision or branch of work listed in this subsection shall be  
17 substantially the same as the terms, conditions, and requirements of the contract between  
18 the prime contractor and Watauga Medical Center, Incorporated.

19 Section 1.(d) Each contractor bidding on a project under this act shall make a  
20 good faith effort to include minority business subcontractors in an amount not less than  
21 ten percent (10%) of the bidder's total bid or shall verify why that bidder was unable to  
22 secure qualified minority subcontractors in such an amount.

23 Section 2. This act applies only to Watauga Medical Center, Incorporated.

24 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires June 30,  
25 2003.