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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to requirements for establishing a responsible  
2 bidder for public improvements.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 73A.22 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER  
2 REQUIREMENTS.

3 For purposes of this chapter, chapter 331, and chapter 384,  
4 a "responsible bidder" means a bidder that possesses the  
5 ability, including the financial ability, to adequately comply  
6 with and perform the requirements of the contract and that has  
7 a satisfactory record of integrity, business ethics, and  
8 performance. In order to determine if a bidder possesses the  
9 ability to comply with the requirements of the contract, the  
10 bidder shall state, in writing, in the bid that the bidder has  
11 examined and reviewed all relevant plans or designs developed  
12 for purposes of the contract and that the bidder has  
13 established a process by which the compliance with the  
14 requirements of the bid can be monitored during construction.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill concerns what constitutes a responsible bidder  
17 for purposes of sealed bid procedures used by cities,  
18 counties, townships, schools, state fair board, and the board  
19 of regents to award contracts for public improvements. The  
20 bill provides that a responsible bidder is one that  
21 demonstrates the ability to perform the contract subject to  
22 the sealed bid procedures and that the bidder shall indicate  
23 in writing in the bid that the bidder has examined all  
24 necessary plans and specifications for the contract and has  
25 established a procedure for ensuring ongoing compliance with  
26 the bid requirements during construction.

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