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2018 WPPA LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

TWO BILLS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST PASSED:



▶ PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTING

- ▶ Unit-Priced Contracting Allowed
- ▶ Bid Limit of \$40,000 Created



▶ BROADBAND AUTHORITY

- ▶ Expanded and Modernized

Both went into effect on June 7, 2018

UNIT-PRICED CONTRACTING

- ▶ **NOW ALLOWED** under RCW 53.08.120 (3)
 - ▶ Competitively bid for work anticipated on a recurring basis.
 - ▶ Contract term not to exceed 3 years, with option to renew for one additional year.
 - ▶ Bid invitations must included estimated quantity of work, how work will be assigned.

UNIT-PRICED CONTRACTING

- ▶ **NOW ALLOWED** under RCW 53.08.120 (3)
 - ▶ Bids awarded to lowest responsible bidder.
 - ▶ Prevailing wages to be paid + paid at rate in effect at the beginning date of EACH contract year.

BID LIMITS:

- ▶ RCW 53.08.120 (c) added to clarify that bids are not required for work that does not exceed \$40,000.
- ▶ Public works project means a complete project. It does not permit dividing the project into units or classes of work to avoid bids.



QUESTIONS?

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