

WESTERN FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

RESOLUTION 2018-02

Supports Quality Based Selection (QBS)

WHEREAS, the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors (WFPS) is a regional association that represents the thirteen western State Professional Surveying Associations; and

WHEREAS, Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) is a procurement process established by the United States Congress as a part of the Brooks Act for the selection of Architect and Engineering (A/E) professional services; and

WHEREAS, land surveying is defined as A/E professional consultant services; and

WHEREAS, QBS protects the public welfare and the taxpayer by ensuring public works projects are designed and built by the most qualified firms; and

WHEREAS, QBS fosters innovative, cost-saving and timesaving approaches to problems, ensuring that the final project meets or exceeds the functional and performance goals; and

WHEREAS, QBS benefits small firms that often include a greater degree of niche market expertise, knowledge of local regulations and business practices, and greater involvement of senior level management in the execution of a project; and

WHEREAS, QBS is a competitive contract procurement process whereby land surveying firms submit qualifications to a procuring entity who evaluates and selects the most qualified firm; and

WHEREAS, many states in the US have adopted their own versions of the QBS, commonly referred to as "Little Brooks Acts" or "Mini-Brooks Acts; and

WHEREAS, the QBS contract procurement process selects the most qualified firm, and then negotiates the project scope of work, schedule, budget, and consultant fee and if the top-ranked firm is not a fair and reasonable fee the second-ranked firm is selected to negotiate a fair and reasonable fee, and so on until a contract is concluded; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the WFPS supports the adoption of "Little Brooks Acts" or "Mini-Brooks Acts" for state and local selection of land surveying professionals for public works projects; and **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors hereby supports the Qualifications-Based Selection for the procurement of land surveying professionals for public works projects.

ADOPTED BY THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OCTOBER 13, 2018



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