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An act relating to the public procurement of services; amending s. 255.103, F.S.; revising the maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects; amending s. 287.055, F.S.; revising the term "continuing contract" to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, and surveying

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

and mapping services; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 255.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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255.103 Construction management or program management entities.—

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(4) A governmental entity's authority under subsections (2) and (3) includes entering into a continuing contract for construction projects, pursuant to the process provided in s. 287.055, in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the contract does not exceed \$4 \$2 million. For purposes of this subsection, the term "continuing contract" means a contract with a construction management or program management entity for work during a defined period on construction projects described by type which may or may not be

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identified at the time of entering into the contract.

Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 287.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.055 Acquisition of professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited; penalties.—

- (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:
- (g) A "continuing contract" is a contract for professional services entered into in accordance with all the procedures of this act between an agency and a firm whereby the firm provides professional services to the agency for projects in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the contract does not exceed \$4 \$2 million, for study activity if the fee for professional services for each individual study under the contract does not exceed \$500,000 \$200,000, or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract required by the agency, with the contract being for a fixed term or with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause. Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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