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**"Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA)
Competitive Solicitation Method" (SB21-141)**

**CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION METHOD
USED BY THE STATEWIDE INTERNET PORTAL AUTHORITY TO
CONTRACT FOR A STATEWIDE PORTAL INTEGRATOR.**

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Problem: The current Law specifies that Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) may not enter into a Contract with a statewide portal integrator unless the statewide portal integrator was chosen by the Authority pursuant to a "Request for Proposals".

Responsibilities of the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) Include:

- 1) Developing the Officially Recognized Statewide Internet Portal;
- 2) Entering into a Contract with a Statewide Internet Portal Integrator for the Development, Support, Maintenance, and Enhancement of the Equipment and Systems Used for the Statewide Internet Portal;
- 3) Providing Appropriate Administration and Oversight of the Statewide Internet Portal Integrator.

Proposed Bill: "24-37.7-104 - Powers of the Statewide Internet Portal Authority: The authority shall not enter into a Contract with a statewide portal integrator unless the statewide portal integrator was chosen by the Authority pursuant to a request for proposals **OR OTHER COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT METHOD, INCLUDING AN INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE, issued by the Authority."**

Solution: This Bill retains the "Requirement" for a "Competitive Solicitation Method" for contracting a statewide portal integrator...but allows "Other Competitive Solicitation Methods"...including the "Invitation to Negotiate".

Support SIPA Competitive Procurement...Support SB21-141!!!

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