

CHAPTER 100  
SB 196-FN - FINAL VERSION

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2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

***196-FN***

AN ACT relative to the exemption from competitive bidding requirements for certain state agency projects.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Rep. St. Clair, Belk. 5; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill exempts certain agency projects of not more than \$1,000,000 from the department of administrative services competitive bidding requirements. The current statute exempts such projects if the estimated total cost is not more than \$500,000.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to the exemption from competitive bidding requirements for certain state agency projects.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 100:1 Department of Administrative Services; Major Projects. Amend RSA 21-I:80, I(b) to read as  
2 follows:

3 (b) Projects for the department of fish and game, the ~~adjutant general's~~ department *of*  
4 *military affairs and veterans services*, and the department of natural and cultural resources, whose  
5 estimated total cost is not more than ~~[\$500,000]~~ **\$1,000,000**. The commissioner may grant other agencies  
6 an exclusion for specific projects whose estimated cost is not more than ~~[\$500,000]~~ **\$1,000,000** if he or  
7 she concludes to do so is in the best interests of the state. Such projects may be done on a force account  
8 basis, by contracts awarded through competitive bidding, by short term rental of construction equipment,  
9 or by any combination of these methods. These departments are authorized to rent construction  
10 equipment for periods not exceeding 6 months at rates the departments deem competitive through the  
11 use of quotes or bids.

12 100:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 17, 2025  
Effective Date: August 16, 2025

