

Summary of P-09011

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes the amendments to §§9.11-12, 9.15-18, 9.23-25, and 9.27 concerning Contracts for Highway Projects. The amendments enable the use of the authority provided by S.B. 1021, 88th Regular Session, 2023, to increase the value of contracts for highway projects that a district engineer may let and award locally and the value of contracts for the construction of buildings that the department may let and award. The rules also revise the threshold for which specified bidder qualifications may be waived for highway projects, increase the minimum bidding capacities based on the differing levels of bidder qualification, clarify the treatment of affiliated entities, and generally align the rules with current business practices.