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S.F. No. 1974 – Modifying County Competitive Bidding

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Senate File No. 1974 amends the uniform municipal contracting chapter of law, specifically subdivision 20 related to county competitive bidding with a small business or veteran-owned small business. The bill increases from \$250,000 to \$750,000 the amount allowed for a contract between a county and a certified small business or a business that is majority-owned and operated by a veteran or service-disabled veteran. This subdivision allows the contract to be made pursuant to subdivision 4 of the statute, which requires contracts to be made either by sealed bids or direct negotiation, with at least two quotes, without advertising for bids. Subdivision 4 relates to contracts exceeding \$25,000 up to \$175,000, and contracts under this subdivision for the small businesses.