

ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2741

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2012

The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2741.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides, or otherwise clarifies, that when a local unit requests bids for the erection or construction of a building or project, the bid documents need only set forth the name or names of all subcontractors to whom the bidder will subcontract the furnishing of plumbing and gas fitting work, refrigeration, steam and hot water heating, and ventilating apparatus, steam power plants, electrical work, structural steel and ornamental iron work, and tele-data, fire alarm, or security systems. Subcontractors who furnish non-specialty trade work, or subcontractors who furnish work to named prime subcontractors, shall not be named in the bid documents. The bill also provides that if a contracting entity requires the naming of an additional subcontractor at the time of bid, that subcontractor's scope of work must exceed 35% of the total contract value for the branch of work. The bill does not apply to State government contracts.

This bill would apply to State colleges, county colleges, and other institutions.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee amendment to the bill provides that in the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building by any contracting unit, when the entire cost of the work will exceed the bid threshold, the architect, engineer or other person preparing the plans and specifications may prepare separate plans and specifications for tele-data, fire alarms, and security systems.