



## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 643

October 22, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL and GUNDRUM, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL and NASS. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 16.867 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** selection of architects  
2             and engineers for state projects.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the secretary of administration is required to establish a committee for each construction project under the department's supervision, except certain emergency projects, for the purpose of selecting an architect or engineer for the project. If the estimated cost of a construction project is \$7,400,000 or more, the selection committee must use a request-for-proposal process established by the department to select an architect or engineer for the project based on qualifications. This bill prohibits such a committee from refusing to select an architect or engineer who operates an architect and engineering firm with only one responsible architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than \$7,400,000.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3             **SECTION 1.** 16.867 (3) of the statutes is created to read:  
4             16.867 (3) A committee appointed under sub. (1) may not refuse to select an  
5             architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than

