

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Texas law has for many years provided for a system of qualifications-based selection (QBS) when governmental entities select engineers and architects for public facilities; and

WHEREAS, design costs are a very small part of overall construction and maintenance costs of projects, but the quality of engineering decisions is a key driver of those costs; and

WHEREAS, QBS ensures a focus on long-term value in public construction and minimizes potential for disputes and litigation; and

WHEREAS, the existing system offers significant protection for taxpayers while promoting innovation; and

WHEREAS, qualifications-based selection is the law in approximately 45 states and the federal government and has been endorsed by the American Public Works Association; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been made to the Texas Legislature to allow price-based selection of engineering and architectural services; and

WHEREAS, price-based selection of engineers and architects will stifle innovation, compromise design quality, delay projects, and increase construction costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ supports existing state law on qualifications-based selection and opposes efforts to modify the law.