

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The requirements for state agencies regarding mentor-protege programs are outlined in Section 2161.065, Government Code. Currently, the statute includes a requirement that the mentor be a registered bidder on the state building and procurement commission's centralized master bidders list (CMBL). As proposed, S.B. 505 amends the Government Code relating to the mentor-protege program to require that the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) design a mentor-protege program that allows mentors and historically underutilized businesses (HUB) to provide professional guidance and support to facilitate HUB development and growth. This bill also prohibits TBPC from requiring a mentor under this program to be a registered bidder on the CMBL.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2161.065, Government Code, as follows:

- (a) Requires the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) to design a mentor-protege program to foster long-term relationships between mentors, rather than prime contractors, and historically underutilized businesses to facilitate their development and growth and to increase their ability to contract with the state or to receive subcontracts under a state contract. Makes conforming changes.
- (b) Requires participation in the program to be voluntary for both the mentor and the historically underutilized business.
- (c) Prohibits TBPC from requiring a mentor under the mentor-protege program to be a registered bidder on the TBPC's centralized master bidders list.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.