

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The current Illinois Procurement Code was
3 enacted in 1998 as a comprehensive and sweeping reform of the
4 State's procurement and purchasing practices; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code stipulates that
6 all State construction contracts must be procured through
7 competitive sealed bidding; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code states that all
9 construction contracts that exceed \$250,000 are required to
10 have separate specification and bidding for plumbing,
11 heating, ventilation, electrical wiring, and general contract
12 work; and

13 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 735 of the 92nd General Assembly was
14 introduced to amend the Illinois Procurement Code and add
15 "masonry" to the list of categories requiring separate
16 bidding for State Construction contracts; and

17 WHEREAS, The Capital Development Board issued a fiscal
18 note for Senate Bill 735 stating that this legislation is
19 expected to raise the costs of projects by as much as ten
20 percent to cover increased design, coordination, and
21 administration costs, with the yearly impact estimated to be
22 \$45,000,000; and

23 WHEREAS, The Capital Development Board also stated that
24 Senate Bill 735 is expected to raise the Agency's
25 administration costs by approximately \$1,000,000 in the first
26 year and \$600,000 yearly thereafter; and

27 WHEREAS, Some would question if increasing the number of
28 categories requiring bids would increase State cost by as
29 much as \$45,000,000, if reducing the number of categories
30 requiring separate bidding would decrease the cost of
31 projects by as much as \$45,000,000 per category; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General
4 shall study the possible effects of eliminating the five
5 separate specifications for bidding on State construction
6 contracts as a means of reducing the cost of State
7 construction projects; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the study shall include the fiscal impact
9 on the State of Illinois, construction contractors and
10 construction sub-contractors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall report its
12 finding and recommendations to the Illinois Senate no later
13 than January 1, 2002; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
15 Auditor General.