URGENT LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION

We need your help.

Last week, we asked members to call state senators to oppose the adoption of bad language that guts Florida's qualifications-based selection process, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). Thank you to all who responded to that call. The fight continues, and we need you again to prevent any attempt to amend SB 72 to match HB 613's language regarding design professional service procurement.

The CCNA has been used in Florida for more than 50 years. However, HB 613 would allow the State University System to circumvent the QBS process of CCNA and replace it with low-bid or any other system they might choose.

AIA Florida opposes the language in HB 613 because the design and construction industry has had no opportunity to participate in a review of a newly adopted amendment, whose substance was not considered in any substantive committee and which was sprung in the waning days of the legislative session.

A transparent and open legislative process including staff analyses, substantive committee hearings and the opportunity for participation by the affected design and construction industry partners should be completed to consider the consequences of the amendment.

SB 72 by Kelli Stargel (R – Lakeland), is the most likely vehicle on which to attach the bad language in HB 613 and lead to eventual adoption. SB 72 is available for consideration beginning tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

Call your Senator right now. Request that s/he protects Florida's proven procurement methodology found in FS 287.055 and NOT adopt any amendment altering the procurement of design professionals' services.

As a constituent, your voice matters most to legislators. Call or email this letter. Find your Senator's name and contact information here, add your name and contact information in the letter's closing, carbon copy aiaflanews@ai fla. org and email your Senator today.