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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:

S-1438, sponsored by Senator Andrew R. Ciesla (R- Monmouth/Ocean) and Assembly Member Nicholas R. Felice (R- Bergen/Passaic), extends the effective date for implementation of previously enacted legislation, which establishes a new state policy concerning the award of certain engineering, land surveying, and architectural professional services contracts, from Jan. 15, 1999 to Aug. 1, 1999. The law, P.L. 1997, c 399, provides that State contracts entered into by State agencies for certain construction related professional services are to be negotiated on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications, and at a fair and reasonable compensation. The extension of the effective date of the law will allow state agencies sufficient time to develop the procedures and regulations necessary to implement provisions of the law.