



## 2019 SENATE BILL 273

June 7, 2019 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, CRAIG, KOOYENGA, NASS, WANGGAARD and BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives SANFELIPPO, FELZKOWSKI, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, JAGLER, KNODL, KUGLITSCH, MAGNAFICI, NEYLON, OTT, QUINN, RAMTHUN, SORTWELL, TAUCHEN, WICHGERS, PLUMER and ALLEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to create** 84.061 of the statutes; **relating to:** Department of  
2           Transportation project cost reduction incentives.

---

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill provides that a Department of Transportation contractor may at any time propose cost reductions to DOT by identifying alternative approaches to accomplishing the outcomes of the contract. If DOT determines that implementing cost reductions proposed by a contractor would result in a project of equal or better quality at a lower cost, DOT must amend the contract to authorize the implementation of the cost reductions, incorporate the cost savings, and provide 50 percent of the cost savings to the contractor.

---

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3           **SECTION 1.** 84.061 of the statutes is created to read:  
4           **84.061 Highway project cost reduction incentives.** (1) A contractor  
5           operating under a contract awarded by the department may at any time during  
6           contract implementation propose cost reductions to the department by identifying  
7           alternative approaches to satisfying the technical requirements or other outcomes

**SENATE BILL 273****SECTION 1**

1 identified by the department, including alternative maintenance of traffic,  
2 alternative pavement sections including subbase, alternative structures and  
3 drainage, and alternative lines and grades.

4 (2) If the department determines that implementing cost reductions proposed  
5 by a contractor would result in a project of equal or better quality at a lower cost, the  
6 department shall amend the contract to authorize the implementation of the cost  
7 reductions, incorporate the cost savings, and provide 50 percent of the cost savings  
8 to the contractor.

9 (END)