

THEREOF DESIRING TO PROCURE ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES WHERE THE COMPENSATION FOR THE SERVICES IS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 SHALL PRESENT THE REQUEST TO THE GENERAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION BOARD AT A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

(2) ~~[[ANY MODAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION]] THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR ANY MODAL ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 231-N, DESIRING TO PROCURE ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES WHERE THE COMPENSATION FOR THE SERVICES IS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 SHALL PRESENT THE REQUEST TO THE TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION BOARD AT A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.~~

(B) A REASONABLE AND TIMELY PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN OF THE PROJECTS BEING PRESENTED TO THE ~~[[BOARD]]~~ BOARDS.

(C) BEFORE ~~[[THE]]~~ EITHER BOARD APPROVES ANY REQUEST OF A USING AUTHORITY OR MODAL ADMINISTRATION TO PROCURE ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES, THE BOARD SHALL BE SATISFIED THAT THE SERVICES CANNOT FEASIBLY OR ECONOMICALLY BE PROVIDED BY EXISTING IN-HOUSE RESOURCES.

(D) (1) ~~[[THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EVALUATION]]~~ EACH BOARD SHALL REQUIRE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, IN A UNIFORM AND CONSISTENT MANNER, IN EACH INSTANCE THAT IT APPROVES ANY USING AUTHORITY'S OR MODAL ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO PROCURE ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN EXCESS OF \$25,000.

(2) THE ANNOUNCEMENT SHALL INCLUDE A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BE PROCURED AND SHALL INDICATE HOW INTERESTED ~~[[SUPPLIERS]]~~ FIRMS MAY RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCUREMENT. IN ADDITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS SHALL BE MAILED ON EACH OCCASION TO FIRMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED SUCH NOTIFICATION.

(3) UPON REQUEST, THE BOARD SHALL FURNISH TO EACH INTERESTED FIRM A COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROCURED. THE DESCRIPTION SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE USING AUTHORITY OR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR ANY MODAL ADMINISTRATION THEREOF.

(4) THE BOARD SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, ON THE BASIS OF THE COMPETITIVE METHOD OF SELECTION AND THE PRICE AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION OBTAINED, FROM WHICH FIRM THE ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES SHOULD BE PROCURED. EACH BOARD SHALL ASSURE THAT THE RECOMMENDED FIRM HAS THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND TO PROTECT THE STATE