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6-208. CONTRACTS—IN GENERAL.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE ANY CONTRACT NECESSARY FOR OR INCIDENTAL TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AND THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWERS UNDER THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as the first clause of Art. 62E, §5(s).

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As to the exercise of the powers granted by this section, see §6-203(b) of this subtitle.

6-209. CONTRACTS - BIDDING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

(A) LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID REQUIRED.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, EACH CONTRACT COSTING \$5,000 OR MORE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, OR REPAIR OF A PROJECT, INCLUDING THE DREDGING OF SHIP CHANNELS AND TURNING BASINS AND THE FILLING AND GRADING OF LAND, SHALL BE PERFORMED BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FOR BIDS PUBLISHED AT LEAST TWICE IN TWO NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THIS STATE.

(B) EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS.

CONTRACTS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS REQUIRED TO KEEP PORT FACILITIES IN OPERATION OR TO RETURN PORT FACILITIES PROMPTLY TO OPERATION MAY BE AWARDED BY NEGOTIATION, IF THE NEGOTIATION INVOLVES AT LEAST THREE COMPANIES QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE THESE REPAIRS OR, IF LESS THAN THREE QUALIFIED COMPANIES ARE AVAILABLE, ALL AVAILABLE QUALIFIED COMPANIES.

(C) WORK NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO BIDDING EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS.

CONTRACTS FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK THAT IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO ACCURATE BIDDING MAY BE AWARDED BY NEGOTIATION.

(D) ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERED "PUBLIC BODY" UNDER ARTICLE 100, §96(D).

(1) FOR ALL PROJECT CONTRACTS COSTING \$500,000 OR MORE THE ADMINISTRATION IS CONSIDERED A "PUBLIC BODY" UNDER ARTICLE 100, §96(D) OF THE CODE, WHETHER OR NOT THE PROJECTS ARE PUBLICLY FUNDED AND REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDING.

(2) WHENEVER IT IS CONSIDERED A "PUBLIC