

from the lowest responsible bidder when sealed bids, notice, and publication are not required by this section.

(e) The Administration may waive the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids if:

(1) The purchase is to be made from or the contract is to be made with the federal or any state government or any of their agencies or political subdivisions or under any open-end bulk purchase contract of any of them;

(2) The public exigency requires the immediate delivery of the articles;

(3) Only one source of supply is available; or

(4) In its judgment, it is to the benefit of the Administration to use the services of State purchasing offices.]

5-409.

(a) With the approval of the Secretary, the Administration may, CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 21, contract, lease, or otherwise arrange with any person to grant to the person the privilege of operating, as agent of this State or otherwise, any airport or airport facility owned or controlled by this State.

5-411.

(c) In accepting federal money under this section, the Administration has the same authority to contract on behalf of this State as that granted to the Administration under § 5-422 of this subtitle for federal money accepted on behalf of a political subdivision, CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 21.

[6-209.

(a) 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) 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.