

(3) In its discretion, the Administration may reject all bids and readvertise.

(c) (1) This subsection applies only to advertised contracts for the purchase of supplies, equipment, or materials.

(2) If, after rejecting bids, the Administration determines that, in its opinion, the supplies, equipment, or materials can be purchased at a lower price in the open market, the Administration, without further observing the provisions requiring bids or notice, may:

(i) Give each responsible bidder an opportunity to negotiate a price; and

(ii) Purchase the supplies, equipment, or materials in the open market at a negotiated price that is lower than the lowest rejected bid of a responsible bidder.

(d) The Administration shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for contracting with or purchasing 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.

(f)] Purchases on behalf of the Administration of rolling stock and other property peculiar to the operation of a transit system are not subject to ~~Article 417, §§ 2316 through 231K of the Code on State purchases--generally.~~ LAW GOVERNING PROCUREMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES.

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(b) A provision specifying the minimum wages and stating the requirement that overtime be paid as provided in this section shall be CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 21, AND SHALL BE: