2. THAT MAY INCLUDE THE GRANTING OF A MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE IF SATISFACTORY TO THE UNIT;

~~3.~~ ~~A.~~ ~~IS PLEDGED AT 100% OF THE MOST CURRENT REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, EXCLUSIVE OF ENCUMBRANCES; OR~~

~~B.~~ ~~IS PLEDGED AT 75% OF THE UNENCUMBERED MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, AS DETERMINED BY AN APPRAISAL DATED NO EARLIER THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE BOND; OR~~

3. FOR WHICH THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST ON THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE DOES NOT EXCEED 75% OF THE CONTRACTOR'S OR INDIVIDUAL SURETY'S EQUITY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY; AND

4. FOR WHICH A MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST ACCEPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS RECORDED BY AN OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY THE UNIT WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY IS SITUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3–103 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE; OR

(VI) IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT THAT:

1. ARE ISSUED BY A FEDERALLY INSURED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION IN THE NAME OF THE CONTRACTING AGENCY; ~~AND~~

2. IDENTIFY THE AGENCY AND THE SOLICITATION OR CONTRACT NUMBER FOR WHICH THE IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT IS PROVIDED; AND

3. CONTAIN A PAYOUT CLAUSE IF THAT DEFAULT CANNOT BE REMEDIED.

(F) ANY ASSET LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PLEDGED ONLY FOR THE INTENDED SECURITY AND MAY NOT BE PLEDGED FOR ANY OTHER SECURITY OR CONTRACT IN OR OUTSIDE THE STATE UNTIL THE ASSET IS RELEASED BY THE UNIT.

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(a) Except as provided under subsection (b) of this section, if a procurement officer requires bid security, the procurement officer shall reject a bid or proposal that is not accompanied by proper security.

(b) A procurement officer may accept a bid or proposal that is accompanied by bid security in less than the amount required if:

(1) the procurement officer determines that:

(i) the deficiency in the amount is insubstantial; and