

(2) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL INDICATE THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EACH EVALUATION FACTOR, INCLUDING PRICE.

(3) EVERY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL INCLUDE A WORK STATEMENT THAT SHALL BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.

(4) (I) AFTER OFFERS ARE OPENED, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL REJECT THOSE WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

(II) IF MORE THAN 3 OFFERS ARE RECEIVED, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE 3 BEST OFFERS RECEIVED BASED ON A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EVALUATION FACTORS.

(5) (I) NEGOTIATIONS MAY NOT DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION DERIVED FROM PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY COMPETING OFFERORS, EXCEPT PRICE AND INFORMATION RELATED DIRECTLY TO PRICE.

(II) IF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOTIFIES ALL OFFERORS, NEGOTIATIONS BY THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER NEED NOT BE CONDUCTED.

(III) THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM FAIR MARKET RENTAL RATE FOR EACH PREMISES OFFERED AND, AFTER NEGOTIATIONS, MAY REJECT AS UNACCEPTABLE A PROPOSAL THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM FAIR MARKET RATE.

(IV) AFTER BEST AND FINAL OFFERS ARE RECEIVED, FURTHER NEGOTIATION WITH THE SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR IS PERMITTED IN ORDER FOR THE STATE TO OBTAIN THE BEST PRICE, CONDITIONS, AND SERVICES. ANY MODIFICATION OF A SUCCESSFUL OFFER MUST BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE.

~~(V) -- AT -- ANY -- TIME -- BEFORE -- AWARD, -- THE -- PROCUREMENT -- OFFICER -- MAY -- CONSIDER -- ADDITIONAL -- OFFERS --~~

~~(vi)~~ (V) IF NEGOTIATIONS AND BEST AND FINAL OFFERS FAIL TO PRODUCE REAL PROPERTY LEASE TERMS COMPARABLE TO MARKET RENTAL RATES IN THE BOUNDARIES IN WHICH A REAL PROPERTY LEASE IS TO BE OBTAINED, AND IF THE FINAL OFFEROR DID NOT ACCEPT A LEASE WITH TERMS COMPARABLE TO THE MARKET RENTAL RATES, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY, BY DIRECT SOLICITATION, ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL OFFERS WITHOUT REPUBLICATION OF NOTICE.

~~(vii)~~ (VI) WHEN IT IS DETERMINED TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE THE THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY NEGOTIATE RENEWALS OF EXISTING LEASES WITHOUT SOLICITATION OF OTHER OFFERS.

~~(viii)~~ (VII) AFTER ALL APPROVALS REQUIRED BY LAW OR REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE MADE TO THE RESPONSIBLE OFFEROR WHOSE PROPOSAL IS DETERMINED TO BE THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE STATE, CONSIDERING PRICE AND THE EVALUATION FACTORS SET FORTH IN THE REQUEST FOR