

(D) OPENING OF BIDS.

(1) A PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL:

(I) OPEN BIDS IN PUBLIC AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED IN THE INVITATION FOR BIDS; AND

(II) ANNOUNCE, RECORD, AND POST:

1. THE NAME OF EACH BIDDER; AND
2. THE AMOUNT OF EACH BID.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ~~AFTER-BID-OPENING~~, A BID IS IRREVOCABLE, AFTER BID OPENING, FOR THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE INVITATION FOR BIDS.

(3) A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY ALLOW A BIDDER TO CORRECT OR WITHDRAW A BID IF CORRECTION OR WITHDRAWAL IS:

(I) ALLOWED UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS DIVISION II; AND

(II) APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(E) AWARD OF PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS.

(1) AFTER OBTAINING ANY APPROVAL REQUIRED BY LAW, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL AWARD THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT TO THE RESPONSIBLE BIDDER WHO SUBMITS THE RESPONSIVE BID THAT:

~~(1)~~ (I) IS THE LOWEST BID PRICE;

~~(2)~~ (II) IF THE INVITATION FOR BIDS SO PROVIDES, IS THE LOWEST EVALUATED BID PRICE; OR

~~(3)~~ (III) FOR PROCUREMENT SUBJECT TO § 11-202(3) OF THIS ARTICLE, IS THE BID MOST FAVORABLE FINANCIALLY TO THE STATE.

~~(F) SAME----1-RESPONSIBLE-BIDDER-WITH-RESPONSIVE-BID-~~

(2) IF, AFTER COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS HAVE BEEN OPENED, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER DETERMINES THAT ONLY 1 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER HAS SUBMITTED A RESPONSIVE BID, THE UNIT MAY NEGOTIATE THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT WITH THAT 1 BIDDER UNDER THE PROCEDURE FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT.

~~(G)--SAME----NEGOTIATED-AWARD-BASED-ON-REVISED-BIDS-~~

~~(1)~~ (3) (I) AFTER COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS HAVE BEEN OPENED, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY AWARD A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT ON THE BASIS OF REVISED BIDS IF: