

(3) A PRICE BID MAY NOT BE RECEIVED AT ANY TIME IF THE BID IS SUBMITTED BY A BIDDER WHOSE TECHNICAL OFFER OR SAMPLE HAS BEEN EVALUATED AS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNIT.

(D) A UNIT SHALL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN INVITATION FOR AUCTION BIDS IN THE SAME MANNER AS REQUIRED FOR AN INVITATION FOR BIDS.

(E) (1) (I) MULTIPLE PRICE BIDS ARE PERMITTED IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FOR AUCTION BIDS.

(II) WHEN A BIDDER SUBMITS MULTIPLE BIDS, EACH BID SHALL BE JUDGED INDEPENDENTLY AND SHALL NOT REVOKE PREVIOUS BIDS OF THAT BIDDER.

(2) A PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL:

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

(II) RECORD AND POST THE AMOUNT OF EACH BID AT THE TIME IT IS RECEIVED.

(3) (I) THE AMOUNT OF A PRICE BID SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM THE TIME IT IS RECEIVED.

(II) THE IDENTITY OF THE BIDDER SUBMITTING A PRICE BID SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL BIDDING HAS ENDED.

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A BID IS IRREVOCABLE, AFTER RECEIPT, FOR THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE INVITATION FOR AUCTION BIDS.

(5) 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 APPLICABLE TO AN INVITATION FOR BIDS; AND

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

(F) (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:

(I) IS THE LOWEST BID PRICE; OR

(II) IF THE INVITATION FOR AUCTION BIDS SO PROVIDES, IS THE LOWEST EVALUATED BID PRICE.

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