

67-9211. –Multiple Awards.

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the administrator may make an award of a contract to two (2) or more bidders under a single solicitation to furnish the same or similar property if a multiple award would: when more than one (1) contractor is necessary:

(a) ~~More~~ more effectively furnish the types of property and quantities required by state agencies, based on immediacy of need, geographic location, or other factors;

(b) ~~To Promote the~~ provide expeditious and cost-efficient acquisitions of property for state agencies; ~~or~~

(c) ~~To e~~ Enable state agencies to acquire property which is compatible with property previously acquired;

(d) Enable contracts to be awarded on a regional basis; or

(e) In some other manner serve the best interest of the state.

(2) No award of a contract to multiple bidders shall be made under this section unless the administrator makes a written determination showing that multiple awards satisfy one (1) or more of the criteria set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Where a contract for property has been awarded under a single solicitation to two (2) or more bidders in accordance with this section, a state agency shall make purchases from the contractor awarded in its region whose property meets the agency's functional and business requirements and whose terms and conditions regarding price, availability, support services and delivery are most advantageous to the agency.

(4) A multiple award of a contract for property under this section shall not be made when a single bidder can reasonably serve the acquisition needs of state agencies. A multiple award of a contract shall only be made to the number of bidders necessary to serve the acquisition needs of state agencies.