

Subsection (1) and Paragraph (2) (c) of Rule 6A-14.0734 are amended to read:

6A-14.0734 Procurement Requirements.

(1) Colleges shall, as the circumstances require, publicly solicit the submittal of competitive offers from at least three (3) sources, when purchasing services or commodities exceeding the amount as specified in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Three ~~Two~~. Solicitations of competitive offers are defined as:

(a) "Competitive sealed bids", "competitive sealed proposals" or "competitive sealed replies", means the process of receiving competitive offers transmitted by secured electronic means or written bids, proposals, or replies.

(b) "Competitive solicitations" or "solicitations" means an invitation to bid, a request for proposal, request for quote, or an invitation to negotiate.

Boards of trustees may adopt smaller amounts beyond which to require the solicitation of competitive offers. The college president or designee reserves the right to reject any or all offers submitted in response to the college's solicitation, and/or solicit new offers as deemed in the college's best interest. When accepting responsive offers to the college's solicitations, colleges shall accept the lowest or best responsive offer. If other than the lowest or best offer meeting specifications is accepted, the college shall maintain a public

record of the justification. Recommendation for awards not exceeding the Category Five threshold as specified in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, may be approved or rejected by the president or a designee if such authority is delegated in policy adopted by the board of trustees. Recommendation for awards exceeding the Category Five threshold as specified in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, shall be approved or rejected by the board of trustees.

(2) Exceptions to the requirement to solicit competitive offers are:

(a) Educational tests, textbooks, instructional materials and equipment, films, filmstrips, video tapes, disc or tape recordings or similar audio-visual materials, graphic and computer based instructional software.

(b) Library books, reference books, periodicals, and other library materials and supplies.

(c) Purchases at the unit or contract prices established through competitive solicitations by any unit of government established by law or ~~non-profit~~ buying cooperatives.

(d)-(4) No Change

Specific Authority 946.519, 1001.02(1), (9), 1001.65 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02(9), 1010.01, 1010.02 FS. History-Formerly 6A-8.121, Repromulgated 12-19-74, Amended 12-26-77, 6-12-83, 6-27-85, Formerly 6A-14.734, Amended 9-30-86, 11-12-91, 12-18-94, 6-18-96, 2-10-99, 7-20-04.