

WAC 504-50-080 Procedures for use. When using a Small Works Roster, the University shall obtain telephone, written, or electronic quotations for public works contracts from contractors on the appropriate small works roster to assure that a competitive price is established and to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, as defined in RCW 39.04.350, as follows:

(1) A contract awarded from a small works roster need not be advertised. Invitations for quotations shall include an estimate of the scope and nature of the work to be performed as well as materials and equipment to be furnished. However, detailed plans and specifications need not be included in the invitation. This paragraph does not eliminate other requirements for architectural or engineering approvals as to quality and compliance with building codes. Quotations may be invited from all appropriate contractors on the appropriate small works roster. As an alternative, quotations may be invited from at least five contractors on the appropriate small works roster who have indicated the capability of performing the kind of work being contracted, in a manner that will equitably distribute the opportunity among the contractors on the appropriate roster. In those cases where there are fewer than five contractors on the appropriate small works roster, quotations will be invited from all contractors on the roster.

(2) If the estimated cost of the work is from one hundred fifty thousand dollars to three hundred thousand dollars, the University may choose to solicit bids from less than all the appropriate contractors on the appropriate small works roster but must also notify the remaining contractors on the appropriate small works roster that quotations on the work are being sought. The University has the sole option of determining whether this notice to the remaining contractors is made by:

(a) Publishing notice in a legal newspaper in general circulation in the area where the work is to be done;

(b) Mailing a notice to these contractors; or

(c) Sending a notice to these contractors by facsimile or other electronic means.

(3) For purposes of this resolution, "equitably distribute" means that the University may not favor certain contractors on the appropriate small works roster over other contractors on the appropriate small works roster who perform similar services. At the time bids are solicited, the University representative shall not inform a contractor of the terms or amount of any other contractor's bid for the same project.

(4) A written record shall be made by the University representative of each contractor's bid on the project and of any conditions imposed on the bid. Immediately after an award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded, open to public inspection, and available by telephone inquiry.

(5) The University shall award the contract for the public works project to the lowest responsible bidder provided that, whenever there is a reason to believe that the lowest acceptable bid is not the best price obtainable, all bids may be rejected and the University may call for new bids.

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