BP 6741  Cost Accounting and Informal Bidding Act

A. Public projects as defined by the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Section 22000, et. seq. of the Public Contract Code) of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) or less effective July 1, 2011 may be let to contract by informal procedures as set forth in Section 22032, et. seq. of the Public Contract Code.

B. Section 22032 of the Public Contract Code states that:
   (a) Public projects of forty-five thousand ($45,000) or less effective January 1, 2012 may be performed by the employees of a public agency by force account, by negotiated contract, or by purchase order;
   (b) Public projects of more than one hundred seventy-five thousand ($175,000) or less may be let to contract by informal procedures as set forth in this article;
   (c) Public projects of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) shall, except as otherwise provided in this article, be let to contract by formal bidding procedure.

C. If all bids received are in excess of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) the Board of Trustees may, by adoption of a resolution by a four-fifths vote, award the contract at one hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($187,500) or less effective January 1, 2012 to the lowest responsible bidder if it determines the cost estimate of the public agency was reasonable.

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