

## BIDS AND AWARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

The board supports economic development in Iowa, particularly in the Agency community. Construction contracts will be made in the Agency community or in Iowa from Iowa-based companies if the bids submitted are comparable in quality and can be received without additional cost in comparison to those submitted by other bidders. The Board will have the authority to approve or reject construction contracts.

Public, competitive sealed bids are required for construction projects, including renovation and repair, when the costs exceed the statutory minimums required by law. The public, competitive sealed bid requirement is waived in the case of emergency repairs when the repairs are necessary to prevent the closing of a school or Agency-operated office. The AEA Chief Administrator will certify that the emergency repairs are necessary to prevent the closing of a school or Agency-operated office. The AEA Chief Administrator will comply with the competitive quote process for those projects subject to the competitive quote law. The AEA Chief Administrator will determine the process for obtaining quotes for projects below the competitive quote limit. The AEA Chief Administrator shall approve the quote for the project.

The award of construction contracts will, generally, be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The Board, in its discretion, after considering factors relating to the construction, including, but not limited to, the cost of the construction, availability of service and/or repair, completion date, and any other factors deemed relevant by the Board, may choose a bid other than the lowest bid. The Board will have the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, and to enter into the contract or contracts deemed to be in the best interests of the Agency.

It is the responsibility of the AEA Chief Administrator to make a recommendation and the reason for it to the board for construction bids. The Board Treasurer shall recommend to the Board which bid to accept.

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