Common Pitfalls in Construction Related Procurement Practices

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Your District wants to Implement Capital Construction Plan







And You Want To Avoid The Pitfalls!



The Boring Stuff

Governing Statutes and Administrative Rules

ORS 279C Public Improvements

OAR 137-047 Goods and Services

OAR 137-048 Consultant Services

OAR 137-049 Construction Services















Professional Services

Pitfall #1: Of Course I Can Ask The Cost, Duh!







Professional Services - Selection Process

Design services are QBS selection you

can't ask how much

Related services RFP selection qualifications and price

RFP should include architects contract. Good OPM & Construction Attorney





Professional Services - Project Consultants

- Direct Appointment under \$100K
- Informal process between \$100K & \$250K
 RFP to 5 or more firms
- Formal process over \$250K







Direct Appointment OAR 137-048-0200

The District may directly contract with consultant if the estimated value of the consultant contract is less than \$100,000

ORS 279C.110, ORS 279C.115, and OAR 137-048-0200







Informal Selection Process OAR 137-048-0210

- Send QBS RFP to a minimum of 5 firms
- Advertisement is not required
- For design firms enter fee negotiations with highest ranking firm
- If not successful, declare impasse and begin negotiations with next highest ranking firm







Pitfall #2: If I Have To Advertise, My Website and Local Newspaper Is Peachy!







Advertisements

- Trade paper of statewide distribution DJC
- District Paper of Record
- Allows for electronic if Board Adopts resolution allowing such (ORPIN-free)
 ORS 279C.360







Formal Selection Process OAR 137-048-0220

- Advertise DJC, Paper of Record,
- Criteria based scoring of most qualified firm
- For design firms enter fee negotiations with highest ranking firm
- If not successful, declare impasse and begin negotiations with next highest ranking firm







Pitfall #3: I Guess I Just Have To Accept The Architect's Price







Design Services Fee Ranges New Construction

- Basic Services are Architectural, Civil, Structural, Mechanical, & Electrical
- Fee range based upon Sq. Ft. is 7.0% 8.5%
- Other consultants, Theater, Kitchen, Acoustics, Interiors, FF&E are in addition basic services
- Request copies of all sub-consultant fee proposals



Design Services Fee Ranges Remodels and Modernization

- Basic Services are Architectural, Civil, Structural, Mechanical, & Electrical
- Fee range based upon Sq. Ft. is 7.0% 8.5% X 1.5
- Other consultants, Theater, Kitchen,
 Acoustics, Interiors. FF&E are in addition to
 Basic Services

Pitfall #4: Design, Bid, Build Is Always Preferable









Public Improvement Bidding

- Hard Bid aka Design-Bid-Build
- Alternative Contracting Methods
 - CM/GC Construction Manager/General Contractor
 - Design-Build
 - ♣ RFQ/ITB







True or False: I can use utilize an alternative contracting method in lieu of Design-Bid-Build







Alternative Contracting Methods

- Require a Finding of Fact ORS 279C.335
- Public Hearing
- Advertise Public Hearing 14 days prior to meeting. Trade Journal of Statewide distribution







Hard Bid Design-Bid-Build

- Award to low bidder
- Typically no qualifications required
- Determine whether bid is responsive
- Determine whether bidder is responsible







Qualifications Submitted with Hard Bid

- Public project references last 3 years
- Name and contact information
- Project description
- Project location
- Project date
- Project value







Alternative to a hard bid RFQ/ITB

- Finding of fact alternative contracting method
- RFQ, Pre-qualify 4 contractors
- Invitation to Bid
- Award contract to responsive low bid

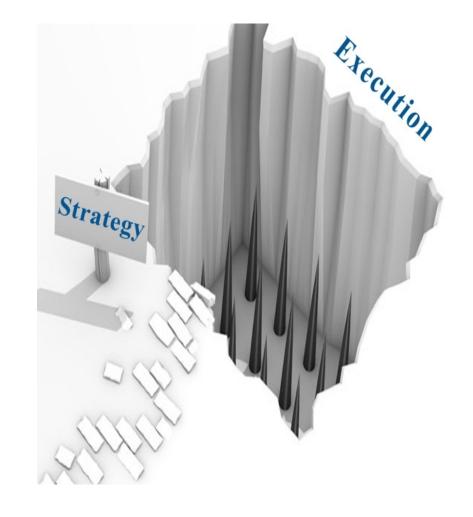






True or False: BOLI only applies to Formal Bids

True or False: The Contractor is Responsible for the Paperwork









Prevailing Wage

- Projects over \$50K subject to Prevailing Wage
- Can't divide a project to avoid paying Prevailing Wage
- Required paperwork WH 39 & WH 81 and fee .01% of contract value







Prevailing Wage Bidding Requirements

Publish current public works wage booklet

Contractor and sub-contractors must have

a public works bond

Require Certified Payroll

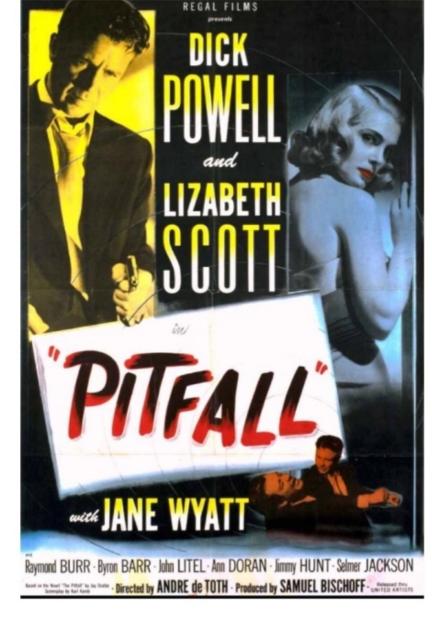






True of False: the AIA contracts are written to protect me?









Important Contract Language: Architect

- Indemnification language
- Insurance requirements
- Claims/Dispute resolution
- Review time for RFI's, Submittals







True of False: The standard AIA contract stipulates the Architects is responsible to design a project within budget? And, if the project bids are higher than budget to redesign the project within budget?







Important Contract Language: Architect

- Responsibility to design project within budget
- Deliverables required at each design phase
- Reimbursable compensation
- Insurance requirements
- Dispute Resolution







Important Contract Language: Contractor

- Liquidated damages
- Indemnification
- Insurance requirements
- Claim notification
- Dispute Resolution









Important Contract Language: Contractor

- Schedules
- Change order
- Time extensions
- Owners ability to occupy building prior to substantial completion







Important Contract Language: Contractor

- Substantial completion
- Final completion
- Waiver of claims









Questions?



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