

Exhibit A

177.05 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

- (a) For any purchase of items or services wherein this Chapter requires Council approval, Council must first authorize the Executive to advertise for bids through the Purchasing Division, and such authorization shall include an estimate of the price for the item or services. Upon authorization by Council, the Executive, through the Purchasing Division, ~~shall advertise for bids for items or services one week in a newspaper of general circulation in the County and post the advertisement on the County's website on the world wide web.~~ **shall publish notice once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks preceding the day of the opening of bids using at least one of the following methods:**

(1) In the print or digital edition of one newspaper of general circulation in the County;

(2) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code (publicnoticesohio.com);

(3) On the web site and social media account of the County.

Additional advertisement may be made in other newspapers, magazines or journals. For the purposes of this section, "~~newspapers~~ **newspaper** of general circulation in the County" include the Beacon Journal and the Akron Legal News, Inc., or their successors and assigns. ~~The~~ **If applicable, any** newspaper advertisement shall be published at least two weeks before the opening of bids and shall include a statement that the notice is posted on the County's website ~~on the world wide web~~, the County website's internet address and instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the County's website.

- (b) Council may, in its full discretion, at the time of advertisement authorize execution of a contract upon award by the Board of Control. Contracts awarded by the Board of Control that are required to be approved by Council pursuant to this Chapter, shall not be executed by the Executive unless authorized by Council. If prior authorization to execute a contract has not been enacted, award by the Board of Control shall be contingent upon confirmation by Council.
- (c) Every advertisement shall state the place where specifications may be obtained, the place where bids will be received, the day, place and time when bids will be opened, and that the County reserves the right to reject all bids.
- (d) Additionally, if the bids are being procured through an online/electronic bid procurement process or system, pursuant to Section 177.06(f), the advertisement shall state that the bids are being received electronically and must be submitted electronically, shall state the name of any outside online/electronic bid procurement

process or system used by the County and shall contain pertinent information on how prospective bidders may access and/or enroll in said online/electronic bid procurement process or system to submit a bid online. Said online/electronic bids may take the form of a reverse auction style bid as authorized by Ohio or federal law.