

177.07 EXCEPTIONS TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

- (1) Labor, equipment, material, supplies or services furnished by one unit of the County to another unit.
- (2) Contracts with other governmental units.
- (3) Contracts for emergency repairs or services involving danger to the health and safety of employees or the public.
- (4) Contracts for unique services or professional services including consultants, attorneys providing legal services, physicians, and financial consultants in connection with the sale of notes and bonds.
- (5) Contracts for equipment, materials or supplies or services from sole suppliers, single sources or best practical sources. The Executive shall certify that any equipment, materials or supplies or services within this classification are only obtainable from a sole supplier, single source or best practical source.
- (6) Contracts for utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services obtained through participation in a contract which the Ohio Department of Administration Services has entered into pursuant to Section 125.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (7) Contracts for the purchase of utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services from another party, including a political subdivision, if the purchase of supplies or services from the other party is made upon equivalent terms, conditions, and specifications as contracts for those supplies and services entered into by the Department of Administrative Services, but at a lower price, as authorized by Section 125.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, ~~provided that quotes for said utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services are obtained from three separate parties prior to entering into such a contract.~~
- (8) Contracts for utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services through the County University and Educational Cooperative and Purchasing Association ("CUE").

(9) Contracts for utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative and Purchasing Program pursuant to Section 5513.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(10) Contracts for the acquisition of utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services upon the same or more favorable financial terms as a contract entered into by another political subdivision of the State of Ohio provided that the contract entered into by the other political subdivision was awarded pursuant to a request for proposals or a competitive selection procedure of that political subdivision.

(11) Contracts for utilities, equipment, materials, supplies or services through any other public cooperative purchasing associations, including but not limited to, US communities, National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance, Federal GSA and the Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office, and utility aggregation services.

(12) Grant contracts are expressly excluded from the requirements of this Section.

(b) Competitive bidding shall not be required for purchase contracts when the amount of the contract does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(c) Contracts awarded as an exception to competitive bidding pursuant to subsections (a) or (b) hereof shall be noted in the minutes of the Board of Control, and the basis for the exception shall be recited in the minutes.

(d) No subcontract to a contract awarded without competitive bidding which exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) pursuant to this section, shall be permitted except with prior approval of County Council.

(1) Any necessary addition to the original scope of a contract awarded pursuant to this section, the cost of which does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), may be made upon approval of the Executive.

(2) In the event that any addition(s) cumulatively exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), subsequent additions to the original scope of a contract awarded pursuant to this section must be approved by the Board of Control.

(3) In the event any addition(s) cumulatively exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), subsequent additions shall also be authorized by County Council.