

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**74-8705. Major procurement contracts; procurement negotiating committee; background investigation and information.** (a) Major procurement contracts shall be awarded in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3738 through 75-3744, and amendments thereto, or subsection (b), as determined by the director, except that:

- (1) The contract or contracts for the initial lease of facilities for the Kansas lottery shall be awarded upon the evaluation and approval of the director, the secretary of administration and the director of architectural services;
- (2) The commission shall designate certain major procurement contracts or portions thereof to be awarded, in accordance with rules and regulations of the commission, solely to minority business enterprises.

(b) The director may award any major procurement contract by use of a procurement negotiating committee. Such committee shall be composed of: (1) The executive director or a Kansas lottery employee designated by the executive director; (2) the chairperson of the commission or a commission member designated by the chairperson; and (3) the director of the division of purchases or an employee of such division designated by the director. Prior to negotiating a major procurement contract, the committee shall solicit bids or proposals thereon. The division of purchases shall provide staff support for the committee's solicitations. Upon receipt of bids or proposals, the committee may negotiate with one or more of the persons submitting such bids or proposals and select from among such persons the person to whom the contract is awarded. Such procurements shall be open and competitive and shall consider relevant factors, including security, competence, experience, timely performance and maximization of net revenues to the state. If a procurement negotiating committee is utilized, the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3738 through 75-3744, and amendments thereto, shall not apply. Meetings conducted by the procurement negotiating committee shall be exempt from the provisions of the Kansas open meeting act, K.S.A. 75-4317 through 75-4320c, and amendments thereto.

(c) Before a major procurement contract is awarded, the executive director shall conduct a background investigation of: (1) The vendor to whom the contract is to be awarded; (2) all officers and directors of such vendor; (3) all persons who own a 5% or more interest in such vendor; (4) all persons who own a controlling interest in such vendor; and (5) any subsidiary or other business in which such vendor owns a controlling interest. The vendor shall submit appropriate investigation authorizations to facilitate such investigation. The executive director may require, in accordance with rules and regulations of the commission, that a vendor submit any additional information considered appropriate to preserve the integrity and security of the lottery. In addition, the executive director may conduct a background investigation of any person having a beneficial interest in a vendor. The secretary of revenue, securities commissioner, attorney general and director of the Kansas bureau of investigation shall assist in any investigation pursuant to this subsection upon request of the executive director. Whenever the secretary of revenue, securities commissioner, attorney general or director of the Kansas bureau of investigation assists in such an investigation and incurs costs in addition to those attributable to the operations of the office or bureau, such additional costs shall be paid by the Kansas lottery. The furnishing of assistance in such an investigation shall be a transaction between the Kansas lottery and the respective officer and shall be settled in accordance with K.S.A. 75-5516, and amendments thereto.

Upon the request of the chairperson, the Kansas bureau of investigation and other criminal justice agencies shall provide to the chairperson all background investigation information including criminal history record information, arrest and nonconviction data, criminal intelligence information and information relating to criminal and background investigations of a vendor to whom a major procurement contract is to be awarded. Such information, other than conviction data, shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except as provided in this section. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, disclosure of such information shall be grounds for removal from office or termination of employment.

(d) All major procurement contracts shall be subject to approval of the commission.

(e) The executive director shall not agree to any renewal or extension of a major procurement contract unless such extension or renewal is awarded in the manner provided by this section.

**History:** L. 1987, ch. 292, § 5; L. 1998, ch. 144, § 3; L. 2001, ch. 24, § 4; L. 2007, ch. 110, § 60; April 19.