

75-37,132. Same; contract negotiation requirements; exceptions. (a) Except as provided in this section, all contracts for professional and consultant services, shall be negotiated in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-37,102, and amendments thereto.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to any contract for professional or consultant services that the director of purchases determines meets one or more of the criteria established in subsections (a) and (h) of K.S.A. 75-3739, and amendments thereto. When the director of purchases approves a contract for professional or consultant services under this subsection, the director may delegate authority to the agency to enter into the contract under conditions and procedures prescribed by the director.

(c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to any contract for professional or consultant services that is not anticipated to exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year. Such a contract shall be entered into by the state agency on the basis of competitive negotiations with at least two individuals or firms unless the head of the agency determines that competitive negotiations are not in the best interest of the state. The agency head shall make a report to the director of purchases at least once in each calendar quarter during the term of each contract for professional or consultant services that exceeds \$5,000 and that was entered into without competitive negotiations.

(d) The director of purchases shall prepare a detailed report at least once in each calendar quarter during the term of each contract for professional or consultant services that exceeds \$5,000 that is entered into under subsection (b) and all contracts for professional or consultant services reported to the director under subsection (c). The director of purchases shall submit such report to the legislative coordinating council, the chairperson of the committee on ways and means of the senate, the chairperson of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives and the chairperson of the Kansas performance review board.

(e) All contracts for architectural services, engineering services, construction management or ancillary technical services entered into by a state agency shall be entered into in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-430a, 75-1250 through 75-1266 and 75-5801 through 75-5807, and amendments thereto.

(f) All contracts for professional services entered into by the board of governors of the health care stabilization fund shall be entered into in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 40-3410 and 40-3411, and amendments thereto.

(g) Upon written certification from the commissioner of insurance to the director of purchases and the legislative budget committee that an emergency exists and the best interests of the state would be jeopardized by compliance with subsection (a), the provisions of subsections (a) and (c) shall not apply to contracts for legal services performed under article 36 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(h) In the case of any contract for professional services or consultant services for the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system that is negotiated in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-37,102, and amendments thereto:

(1) The negotiating committee shall be composed of the members of the board of trustees, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 75-37,102, and amendments thereto, to the contrary; and

(2) the board of trustees shall report each contract for professional services or consultant services entered pursuant to this subsection to the director of purchases, including the rationale of the board of trustees if the bid or proposal selected by the board of trustees was not the lowest cost bid or proposal submitted and a report of such contract and such rationale shall be included in the report submitted by the director of purchases pursuant to subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-37,102, and amendments thereto.

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