

**75-5803. Qualification statements of engineering and land surveying firms; annual list of qualified firms; selection of firms from list prepared by state building advisory commission in certain cases; procedure.** (a) In the procurement of engineering or land surveying services, each agency head which utilizes engineering or land surveying services shall encourage firms engaged in the lawful practice of their profession to annually submit a statement of qualifications and performance data to the agency head and to the state building advisory commission. The agency head shall thereafter cause to be prepared annually a list of firms qualified, based upon criteria established and published by such agency head, to provide such engineering or land surveying services.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), when a project requiring engineering or land surveying services is proposed for a state agency, the agency head for such state agency shall evaluate current statements of qualifications and performance data on file with the agency head, together with those that may be submitted by other firms regarding the proposed project. The agency head may establish time frames for the receipt of qualifications statements and performance data from any firm wishing to be considered for the proposed project. The agency head shall conduct discussions with not less than three firms regarding anticipated concepts and the relative utility of alternative methods of approach for furnishing the required engineering or land surveying services and then such agency head shall select from among all such firms, on a rotational basis, the firm to perform the engineering or land surveying services, unless such firm refuses to provide such engineering or land surveying services.

(c) In any case where a project requiring engineering or land surveying services is proposed which concerns the construction of any building or facility or any major repairs or improvements to any building or facility, including in any case but not limited to any heating, cooling or power facility, for a state agency and a negotiating committee is not convened under K.S.A. 75-5804 and amendments thereto, the agency head of the state agency shall notify the state building advisory commission and shall request a list of firms qualified to provide the engineering or land surveying services for such project. Upon receipt of any such request, the state building advisory commission shall evaluate the current statements of qualifications and performance data on file, together with those statements that may be submitted by other firms, regarding the proposed project and other information developed and available to the state building advisory commission, and shall prepare a list of at least three and not more than five firms which, in the opinion of the state building advisory commission, are qualified to furnish the engineering or land surveying services for the proposed project. Each such list shall be submitted to the agency head without any recommendation of preference or other recommendation. The agency head shall conduct discussions with the firms listed and shall select the firm to perform the engineering or land surveying services, all in the manner provided in subsection (b). If the agency head is unable to enter into a contract for the necessary engineering or land surveying services with any firm so listed, the agency head shall request the state building advisory commission to prepare and submit another list of firms qualified to provide such engineering or land surveying services and shall proceed in accordance with this subsection. The secretary of administration shall provide to the agency head such information, advice and assistance as may be requested by the agency head regarding the selection of a firm to provide engineering or land surveying services for such projects, including all information and evaluations regarding the listed firms gathered and developed under K.S.A. 75-3783, and amendments thereto.

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