

SECRETARY. [[INVITATIONS TO BID SHALL BE CONFINED TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND BIDS FROM OTHER BUSINESSES SHALL BE REJECTED]] INVITATIONS TO BID SHALL BE SENT TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN ADDITION TO REGULAR BIDDERS TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE PRICE RANGE COMMENSURATE WITH CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE PURCHASE, CONTRACT, OR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS SHALL BE AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PURCHASING ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY.

(F) [[(1) IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE BEST BID WILL RESULT IN THE PAYMENT OF AN UNREASONABLE PRICE, THE SECRETARY SHALL REJECT ALL BIDS AND WITHDRAW THE DESIGNATION OF SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE.

(2) IF THE SECRETARY WITHDRAWS THE SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE DESIGNATION, HE SHALL NOTIFY EACH BIDDER OF THE REASON WHY THE BIDS WERE REJECTED. INVITATIONS TO BID CONTAINING THE SAME OR REWRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS AND TERMS THEN SHALL BE REISSUED WITHOUT A SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE DESIGNATION.]] THE SECRETARY SHALL ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BID FROM A SMALL BUSINESS FOR A SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE, IF THE BID DOES NOT EXCEED 5 PERCENT OF THE BID RECEIVED FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE.

(G) [[THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP RECORDS CONCERNING THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS TO SMALL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE TOTAL VALUE OF AWARDS MADE IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR UNDER THE DESIGNATION OF SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF AWARDS MADE TO MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.]] THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT TWICE A YEAR TO THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW ABOUT THE OPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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CHAPTER 725

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AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credits for Homeowners - Hold Harmless Provisions