

This section contains policies and procedures which shall be observed by counties in procurements by negotiation, as distinguished from formal advertising, and the limitations upon its use.

Contracts may be negotiated without formal advertising when one or more of the following exists:

- .11 When a public emergency exists and the urgency is such that time is not available for formal advertising. This should be applied only in emergencies caused by circumstances outside of the county's control and not for delays caused by county inaction.
- .12 If rates established by the state are to be used for payments and CDSS has notified the counties that formal advertising is not necessary for a particular program.
- .13 If the aggregate annual amount involved does not exceed \$100,000. However, qualifications and price must still be solicited through a manner consistent with the county's own procurement policies. Selection shall be made using the criteria set forth in Section 23-650.2.
- .14 For any service to be rendered by any federal, state, or local government agency, public university, public college or other public educational institution. CDSS may require formal advertising when contracts with government agencies or public educational institutions are considered excessive in price when compared to similar services provided through competition, or where competition between public and private agencies is necessary to accomplish program purposes.