

26.3 Competitive bids for public improvement contracts.

1. If the estimated total cost of a public improvement exceeds the competitive bid threshold of one hundred thousand dollars, or the adjusted competitive bid threshold established in section 314.1B, the governmental entity shall advertise for sealed bids for the proposed public improvement by publishing a notice to bidders as provided in section 362.3. Additionally, the governmental entity may publish a notice in a relevant contractor organization publication and a relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation, provided that a notice is posted on a website sponsored by either a governmental entity or a statewide association that represents the governmental entity. The notice to bidders shall be published more than twenty days but not more than forty-five days before the date for filing bids.

2. A governmental entity shall have an engineer licensed under chapter 542B or an architect registered under chapter 544A prepare plans and specifications, and calculate the estimated total cost of a proposed public improvement.

3. Sections 26.4 through 26.13 apply to all competitive bidding pursuant to this section.

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