

218.58 Construction, repair, and improvement projects — emergencies.

The department shall work with the department of administrative services to accomplish the following responsibilities:

1. The department shall prepare and submit to the director of the department of management, as provided in [section 8.23](#), a multiyear construction program including estimates of the expenditure requirements for the construction, repair, or improvement of buildings, grounds, or equipment at the institutions.

2. The department shall have plans and specifications prepared by the department of administrative services for authorized construction, repair, or improvement projects costing over the competitive bid threshold in [section 26.3](#), or as established in [section 314.1B](#). An appropriation for a project shall not be expended until the department of administrative services has adopted plans and specifications and has completed a detailed estimate of the cost of the project, prepared under the supervision of a licensed architect or licensed professional engineer. Plans and specifications shall not be adopted and a project shall not proceed if the project would require an expenditure of money in excess of the appropriation.

3. The department of administrative services shall comply with the competitive bid procedures in [chapter 26](#) to let all contracts under [chapter 8A, subchapter III](#), for authorized construction, repair, or improvement of departmental buildings, grounds, or equipment.

4. If the director and the director of the department of administrative services determine that emergency repairs or improvements estimated to cost more than the competitive bid threshold in [section 26.3](#), or as established in [section 314.1B](#) are necessary to assure the continued operation of a departmental institution, the requirements of [subsections 2 and 3](#) for preparation of plans and specifications and competitive procurement procedures are waived. A determination of necessity for waiver by the director and the director of the department of administrative services shall be in writing and shall be entered in the project record for emergency repairs or improvements. Emergency repairs or improvements shall be accomplished using plans and specifications and competitive quotation or bid procedures, as applicable, to the greatest extent possible, considering the necessity for rapid completion of the project. A waiver of the requirements of [subsections 2 and 3](#) does not authorize an expenditure in excess of an amount otherwise authorized for the repair or improvement.

5. A claim for payment relating to a project shall be itemized on a voucher form pursuant to [section 8A.514](#), certified by the claimant and the architect or engineer in charge, and audited and approved by the department of administrative services. Upon approval by the department of administrative services, the director of the department of administrative services shall draw a warrant to be paid by the treasurer of state from funds appropriated for the project. A partial payment made before completion of the project does not constitute final acceptance of the work or a waiver of any defect in the work.

6. Subject to the prior approval of the director or the director's designee, minor projects costing five thousand dollars or less may be authorized and completed by the superintendent of the institution through the use of day labor.

[84 Acts, ch 1256, §1](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §314](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §211, 286](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1017, §23, 42, 43](#); [2007 Acts, ch 126, §44](#); [2017 Acts, ch 131, §7](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §395](#)