

**27—6.1(17A,161A,159,207,208) Contract policy.**

**6.1(1)** All public improvements and professional services contracts with the division shall be awarded on a competitive basis to the maximum practical extent. All contracts shall be in written form and signed by the administrator.

**6.1(2)** Exceptions for compliance with federal rules and guidelines. Whenever adherence to these contracting procedures would result in the loss of federal aid for any public improvement project or professional services project, the applicable rules or guidelines shall be followed to the extent necessary to qualify for the federal funds.