

**561—8.1(17A,455B,456A,461A,473) Contract policy.**

**8.1(1)** All public improvements and professional services contracts with the department shall be awarded on a competitive basis to the maximum practical extent. All contracts shall be in written form and receive approval of the director and the appropriate commission where required by statute or rule of department.

**8.1(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.