

**AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT - CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – SCOPE ALTERNATES.**

**(REV 11-3-15) (FA 11-20-15) (FY 2023-24)**

ARTICLE 3-1 is deleted and the following substituted:

**3-1 Consideration of Bids - Scope Alternates.**

For the purpose of award, after opening and reading the Proposals, the Department will consider as the bid the correct summation of each unit bid price multiplied by the estimated quantities shown in the Proposal. On this basis, the Department will compare the amounts of each bid and make the results of such comparison available to the public. Until the actual award of the Contract, however, the Department reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive technical errors that the Department determines, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the State.

The Department reserves the right to delete the bid portion of the utility relocation work from the Contract. When the Department deletes utility relocation work from the Contract, the Department will recalculate the Contract bid tabulations based on the remaining project quantities.

In the event that the Department deletes utility relocation work from the Contract, the utility owner will relocate such utilities in accordance with the backup Utility Relocation Schedule contained in the Contract Documents.

For this Contract, the Department has established alternate scopes of work, shown as the list of bid items under each of the Scope Alternates listed in the Contract Plans. These alternates have been established in consideration of possible budget constraints. The Department has assigned Contract award priority for the Scope Alternates as follows:

- First Priority .....Alternate A
- Second Priority.....Alternate B
- Third Priority .....Alternate C

The Department intends to award the Contract to the responsible Bidder with the lowest bid for the highest priority Scope Alternate for which the Department determines funds are available.

Submit bid unit prices for all bid items. Bids submitted without bid unit prices for all bid items will be rejected as irregular.

Contract time may vary for each Alternate. The Contract time for each Alternate will be shown in the Bid Documents.