



CHAPTER 143
ARTICLE 8 - PUBLIC CONTRACTS

N.C.G.S. § 143-132.

Minimum number of bids for public contracts.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2021-92, s. 1 — fourteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 04:24 UTC	3b127f94df2b5be38db7ed47 - 74a028412a2b25a5aa036efb - 32967d078e189afd

- § 143-132(a)

No contract to which G.S. 143-129 applies for construction or repairs shall be awarded by any board or governing body of the State, or any subdivision thereof, unless at least three competitive bids have been received from reputable and qualified contractors regularly engaged in their respective lines of endeavor; however, this section shall not apply to contracts which are negotiated as provided for in G.S. 143-129 or to contracts for dredging services in the State's coastal waters. Provided that if after advertisement for bids as required by G.S. 143-129, not as many as three competitive bids have been received from reputable and qualified contractors regularly engaged in their respective lines of endeavor, said board or governing body of the State agency or of a county, city, town or other subdivision of the State shall again advertise for bids; and if as a result of such second advertisement, not as many as three competitive bids from reputable and qualified contractors are received, such board or governing body may then let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a bid for such project, even though only one bid is received.
- § 143-132(b)

For purposes of contracts bid in the alternative between the separate-prime and single-prime contracts, pursuant to G.S. 143-128(d1) each single-prime bid shall constitute a competitive bid in each of the four subdivisions or branches of work listed in G.S. 143-128(a), and each full set of separate-prime bids shall constitute a competitive single-prime bid in meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section. If there are at least three single-prime bids but there is not at least one full set of separate-prime bids, no separate-prime bids shall be opened.

§ 143-132(c)

The State Building Commission shall develop guidelines no later than January 1, 1991, governing the opening of bids pursuant to this Article. These guidelines shall be distributed to all public bodies subject to this Article. The guidelines shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

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APPARATUS I
14 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1931	c. 291, s. 3	ENACTED
02	1951	c. 1104, s. 3	AMENDED
03	1959	c. 392, s. 2	AMENDED
04	1963	c. 289	AMENDED
05	1967	c. 860	AMENDED
06	1977	c. 644	AMENDED
07	1979	c. 182, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1989	c. 480, s. 2	AMENDED
09	1989	1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1051, s. 4	AMENDED
10	1989	1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 985, s. 1	AMENDED
11	1995	c. 358, s. 4	AMENDED
12	1995	c. 367, ss. 1, 7	AMENDED
13	2001	S.L. 2001-496, s. 9	AMENDED
14	2021	S.L. 2021-92, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 143-129	(a)	<i>"No contract to which"</i>
G.S. 143-128(d1)	(b)	<i>"separate-prime and single-prime contracts, pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 143-128(a)	(b)	<i>"or branches of work listed in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-132 (2021).

PINPOINT

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