



CHAPTER 143
ARTICLE 3 - PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

N.C.G.S. § 143-59.

Preference given to North Carolina products and citizens, and articles manufactured by State agencies; reciprocal preferences.

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§ 143-59(a) Preference. - The Secretary of Administration and any State agency authorized to purchase foodstuff or other products, shall, in the purchase of or in the contracting for foods, supplies, materials, equipment, printing or services give preference as far as may be practicable to such products or services manufactured or produced in North Carolina or furnished by or through citizens of North Carolina: Provided, however, that in giving such preference no sacrifice or loss in price or quality shall be permitted; and provided further, that preference in all cases shall be given to surplus products or articles produced and manufactured by other State departments, institutions, or agencies which are available for distribution.

§ 143-59(b) Reciprocal Preference. - For the purpose only of determining the low bidder on all contracts for equipment, materials, supplies, and services valued over twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), a percent of increase shall be added to a bid of a nonresident bidder that is equal to the percent of increase, if any, that the state in which the bidder is a resident adds to bids from bidders who do not reside in that state. Any amount due under a contract awarded to a nonresident bidder shall not be increased by the amount of the increase added by this subsection. On or before January 1 of each year, the Secretary of Administration shall electronically publish a list of states that give preference to in-State bidders and the amount of the percent increase added

to out-of-state bids. All departments, institutions, and agencies of the State shall use this list when evaluating bids. If the reciprocal preference causes the nonresident bidder to no longer be the lowest bidder, the Secretary of Administration may waive the reciprocal preference. In determining whether to waive the reciprocal preference, the Secretary of Administration shall consider factors that include competition, price, product origination, and available resources.

§ 143-59(c)

Definitions. - The following definitions apply in this section:

- (1) Resident bidder. - A bidder that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in this State and whose principal place of business is located in this State.
- (2) Nonresident bidder. - A bidder that is not a resident bidder as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- (3) Principal place of business. - The principal place from which the trade or business of the bidder is directed or managed.

§ 143-59(d)

Exemptions. - Subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to contracts entered into under G.S. 143-53(a)(5) or G.S. 143-57.

§ 143-59(e)

When a contract is awarded by the Secretary using the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a report of the nature of the contract, the bids received, and the award to the successful bidder shall be posted on the internet as soon as practicable.

§ 143-59(f)

Resident Bidder Notification. - When the Secretary puts a contract up for competitive bidding, the Secretary shall endeavor to provide notice to all resident bidders who have expressed an interest in bidding on contracts of that nature. The Secretary may opt to provide notice under this section by electronic means only.

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APPARATUS I
9 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1931	c. 261, s. 10	ENACTED
02	1933	c. 441, s. 2	AMENDED
03	1957	c. 269, s. 3	AMENDED
04	1971	c. 587, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1975	c. 879, s. 46	AMENDED
06	2001	S.L. 2001-240, s. 1	AMENDED
07	2005	S.L. 2005-213, ss. 1, 3	AMENDED
08	2013	S.L. 2013-234, s. 9	AMENDED
09	2025	S.L. 2025-25, s. 29(3)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 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. 143-53(a)(5)	(d)	<i>"apply to contracts entered into under"</i>
G.S. 143-57	(d)	<i>"entered into under G.S. 143-53(a)(5) or"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

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