



CHAPTER 143

ARTICLE 3D - PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, AND SURVEYING SERVICES

N.C.G.S. § 143-64.31.

Declaration of public policy.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2014-42, ss. 3, 4 — sixth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:20 UTC	30fd0b55255c6ccbe42878c9 - 641e60ff2125f8671d66c15b - 6fe94ba950b88214

§ 143-64.31(a)

It is the public policy of this State and all public subdivisions and Local Governmental Units thereof, except in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, to announce all requirements for architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management at risk services, design-build services, and public-private partnership construction services to select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services required without regard to fee other than unit price information at this stage, and thereafter to negotiate a contract for those services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm. If a contract cannot be negotiated with the best qualified firm, negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and initiated with the next best qualified firm. Selection of a firm under this Article shall include the use of good faith efforts by the public entity to notify minority firms of the opportunity to submit qualifications for consideration by the public entity.

§ 143-64.31(a1)

A resident firm providing architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management at risk services, design-build services, or public-private partnership construction services shall be granted a preference over a nonresident firm, in the same manner, on the same basis, and to the extent that a preference is granted in awarding contracts for these services by the other state to its resident firms over firms resident in the State of North Carolina. For purposes of this section, a resident firm is a firm that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in North Carolina and whose principal place of business is located in this State.

§ 143-64.31(b)

Recodified as G.S. 143-133.1(a) by Session Laws 2014-42, s. 3, effective October 1, 2014, and applicable to contracts awarded on or after that date.

§ 143-64.31(c) Recodified as G.S. 143-133.1(b) by Session Laws 2014-42, s. 3, effective October 1, 2014, and applicable to contracts awarded on or after that date.

§ 143-64.31(d) Recodified as G.S. 143-133.1(c) by Session Laws 2014-42, s. 3, effective October 1, 2014, and applicable to contracts awarded on or after that date.

§ 143-64.31(e) For purposes of this Article, the definition in G.S. 143-128.1B and G.S. 143-128.1C shall apply.

§ 143-64.31(f) Except as provided in this subsection, no work product or design may be solicited, submitted, or considered as part of the selection process under this Article; and no costs or fees, other than unit price information, may be solicited, submitted, or considered as part of the selection process under this Article. Examples of prior completed work may be solicited, submitted, and considered when determining demonstrated competence and qualification of professional services; and discussion of concepts or approaches to the project, including impact on project schedules, is encouraged.

END OF SECTION TEXT

APPARATUS FOLLOWS — DERIVED, NOT ENACTED

APPARATUS I
6 ACTS

Amendment lineage

The State prints this history as a single parenthetical at the foot of the section. It is reproduced verbatim in the colophon and unpacked below in order of enactment.

	1987		2001				2014
	TICK HEIGHT = ACTS IN THAT YEAR		DASHED = RECODIFICATION, NOT AMENDMENT				
Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER				
01	1987	c. 102, s. 1	ENACTED				
02	1989	c. 230, s. 2	AMENDED				
03	2001	S.L. 2001-496, s. 1	AMENDED				
04	2006	S.L. 2006-210, s. 1	AMENDED				
05	2013	S.L. 2013-401, s. 1	AMENDED				

APPARATUS II
5 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. 143-133.1(a)	(b)	"Recodified as"
G.S. 143-133.1(b)	(c)	"Recodified as"
G.S. 143-133.1(c)	(d)	"Recodified as"
G.S. 143-128.1B	(e)	"of this Article, the definition in"
G.S. 143-128.1C	(e)	"the definition in G.S. 143-128.1B and"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-64.31 (2014).

PINPOINT
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-64.31(a) (2014).

Pinpoint keys are set in the left margin of the text rather than line numbers: subsection designators are stable across editions and paper sizes, line numbers are not.

COLOPHON

Provenance

This document reproduces the text of one section of the General Statutes of North Carolina from a source file whose SHA-256 digest is printed on every page. The digest fixes the bytes this export was made from; if the State's file changes, the digest will not match.

The text of the section is unaltered. Subsection designators have been moved from the run of text into the margin. The amendment history and the table of authorities are derived from the section by mechanical extraction — they add no characterization of the law.

This is not the official text. The official text is published by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1987, c. 102, s. 1; 1989, c. 230, s. 2; 2001-496, s. 1; 2006-210, s. 1; 2013-401, s. 1; 2014-42, ss. 3, 4.)

SET IN SPECTRAL AND ARCHIVO
NORTH CAROLINA LAW — STATUTE EXPORT, FORMAT V1

