**Section 6.705 Property Rights**

Receipt of an Invitation for Bids, Request for Proposals or other procurement document, or submission of any response thereto or other offer confers no right to receive an award or contract, nor does it obligate the State in any manner. All procurement documents submitted by a bidder or offeror become the property of the Department for disposition in accordance with the requirements of law. Trade secrets or other proprietary information submitted to the Department shall be expressly identified in writing; however, the Department reserves the right to determine the validity of any such claim, and may refuse to award a contract or may void any contract in circumstances where the party claiming the trade secret or proprietary data is unable to agree to disclosure for a public purpose. (See Section 1-25 of the Code.)

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