**Section 1400.2525 Multiple Awards**

a) Policy

When determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be in the best interest of the State, the Treasurer's office may make multiple awards under any solicitation.

b) Specific Goods and Services Following Multiple Awards

Subject to this subsection, specific goods and services may be purchased following multiple awards:

1) When the solicitation identified the specific good or service sought but led to multiple awardees, the specific good or service may be procured from the lowest bidder or best qualified proposer with whom relevant terms can be successfully negotiated.

2) When the solicitation did not list the specific good or service sought but led to multiple awards to vendors similarly qualified to provide the good or service, the specific good or service may be purchased from one of the multiple awardees; provided, however, that for the purchase of that good or service:

A) the Chief Procurement Officer shall maximize competition among the multiple awardees;

B) the determination shall allow for additional competition when the original solicitation produced insufficient information on the awardees' pricing for, or abilities to provide, the specific good or service sought; and

C) following any such competition, the Chief Procurement Officer shall award to the lowest bidder or best qualified proposer with whom relevant terms can be successfully negotiated.

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