**Section 755.130 Bids**

a) Except as provided in subsection (c), prior to entering into new agreements with new providers, the carriers or ITAC, on their behalf, shall solicit and accept bids from various providers.

b) Bids will be evaluated and awarded based upon the bidder's ability, as demonstrated in the bid proposal, to advance the goals and objectives of ITAP, consistent with the following criteria:

1) Corporate and fiscal integrity, history, and ability of the bidder to deliver equipment or services up for bid must be evaluated;

2) Equipment up for bid must be evaluated in light of the factors specified in Section 755.120; and

3) Maintenance and training services up for bid must be deliverable as prescribed in Sections 755.100 and 755.310.

c) The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to arrangements for the provision of accounting or legal services for ITAP, or to amendments to, extensions of, or renewals of existing agreements not subject to the renewal requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code [30 ILCS 500].

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