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**Prequalification of professional design firms.**

- (A) Professional design firms seeking to be prequalified to provide services to the state shall maintain a current statement of qualifications on file with the state.
- (B) The prequalification requirements shall be based on the factors set forth in divisions (D)(1)(a), (D)(2), (D)(3), and (D)(4) of section 153.65 of the Revised Code. The criteria shall include a point system developed to encourage EDGE business participation pursuant to division (B)(6) of section ~~123.152~~ 122.922 of the Revised Code, if applicable.
- (C) For the purpose of awarding contracts to firms from a list of prequalified firms created pursuant to sections 153.68 and 153.691 of the Revised Code, the state shall select the most qualified firm as follows:
- (1) The state may request technical proposals from not less than three firms, then rank and select the firm determined by the state to be most qualified, provided the firms were evaluated by the state prior to approval by the controlling board; or
  - (2) If the estimated initial fees are less than or equal to one hundred thousand dollars, the state may request a technical and fee proposal from one firm determined by the state to be most qualified, provided the firms were evaluated by the state prior to approval by the controlling board; or
  - (3) If the estimated initial fees are more than one hundred thousand dollars, the state may request technical proposals from and hold interviews with not less than three firms, and rank, select, and negotiate a contract with the firm determined by the state to be most qualified, provided the firms were evaluated by the state prior to approval by the controlling board.
- (D) The state shall negotiate a contract with the selected firm in accordance with division (B) of section 153.69 of the Revised Code.

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