



1 from any person or entity that has, within the previous 12 months, after having  
 2 completed a public, formal bid process substantially similar to that required by this  
 3 Article, contracted to furnish the apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment to:

- 4 (1) The United States of America or any federal agency;
- 5 (2) The State of North Carolina or any agency or political subdivision of  
 6 the State; or
- 7 (3) Any other state or any agency or political subdivision of that state, if  
 8 the person or entity is willing to furnish the items at the same or more  
 9 favorable prices, terms, and conditions as those provided under the  
 10 contract with the other unit or agency. Notwithstanding any other  
 11 provision of this section, any purchase made under this subsection  
 12 shall be approved by the governing body of the purchasing political  
 13 subdivision of the State at a regularly scheduled meeting of the  
 14 governing body no fewer than 10 days after publication of ~~notice, in a~~  
 15 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the area served by the governing~~  
 16 ~~body,~~notice that a waiver of the bid procedure will be considered in  
 17 order to contract with a qualified supplier pursuant to this section.  
 18 Notice may be published in a newspaper having general circulation in  
 19 the political subdivision or by electronic means, or both. A decision to  
 20 publish notice solely by electronic means for a particular contract or  
 21 for all contracts under this subsection shall be approved by the  
 22 governing board of the political subdivision. Rules issued by the  
 23 Secretary of Administration pursuant to G.S. 143-49(6) shall apply  
 24 with respect to participation in State term contracts."

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143-131 reads as rewritten:

26 **"§ 143-131. When counties, cities, towns and other subdivisions may let contracts**  
 27 **on informal bids.**

28 (a) All contracts for construction or repair work or for the purchase of apparatus,  
 29 supplies, materials, or equipment, involving the expenditure of public money in the  
 30 amount of ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, but  
 31 less than the limits prescribed in G.S. 143-129, made by any officer, department, board,  
 32 local school administrative unit, or commission of any county, city, town, or other  
 33 subdivision of this State shall be made after informal bids have been secured. All such  
 34 contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into  
 35 consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the  
 36 performance of the contract. It shall be the duty of any officer, department, board, local  
 37 school administrative unit, or commission entering into such contract to keep a record of  
 38 all bids submitted, and such record shall not be subject to public inspection until the  
 39 contract has been awarded.

40 ...."

41 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 160A-266 reads as rewritten:

42 **"§ 160A-266. Methods of sale; limitation.**

43 ...

1 (c) A city council may adopt regulations prescribing procedures for disposing of  
2 personal property valued at less than ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~thirty thousand  
3 dollars (\$30,000) for any one item or group of items in substitution for the requirements  
4 of this Article. The regulations shall be designed to secure for the city fair market value  
5 for all property disposed of and to accomplish the disposal efficiently and economically.  
6 The regulations may, but need not, require published notice, and may provide for either  
7 public or private exchanges and sales. The council may authorize one or more city  
8 officials to declare surplus any personal property valued at less than ~~five thousand~~  
9 ~~dollars (\$5,000)~~thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for any one item or group of items, to  
10 set its fair market value, and to convey title to the property for the city in accord with  
11 the regulations. A city official authorized under this section to dispose of property shall  
12 keep a record of all property sold under this section and that record shall generally  
13 describe the property sold or exchanged, to whom it was sold, or with whom exchanged,  
14 and the amount of money or other consideration received for each sale or exchange."

15 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 160A-270 reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 160A-270. Public auction.**

17 ...

18 (c) The council may conduct auctions of real or personal property electronically  
19 by authorizing the establishment of an electronic auction procedure or by authorizing  
20 the use of existing private or public electronic auction services. Notice of an electronic  
21 auction of property shall identify, in addition to the information required in subsections  
22 (a) and (b) of this section, the electronic address where information about the property  
23 to be sold can be found and the electronic address where electronic bids may be posted.  
24 Notice may be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the political  
25 subdivision or by electronic means, or both. A decision to publish notice solely by  
26 electronic means for a particular contract or for all contracts under this subsection shall  
27 be approved by the governing board of the political subdivision. Except as provided in  
28 this subsection, all ~~all~~ requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section apply to  
29 electronic auctions."

30 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.