Section XVI: Contracts Requiring Informal Bids: (G.S. 143-131)

The informal bid procedure must be followed on contracts for the following:

(A). Construction or repair work when expenditures of ~~$5,000~~ $15,000 to $500,000 are involved.

(B). Purchases or lease-purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when expenditures of ~~$5,000~~ $15,000 to $90,000 are involved. (G.S. 153A-165 and G.S. 160A-I9).

(C). The informal bid procedure may be followed on purchases of gasoline, diesel fuel, alcohol fuel, motor oil, or fuel oil regardless of the size of the purchase.

All contracts or purchases shall be made after the informal bids have been secured. Dividing contracts or purchases in order to evade these provisions is prohibited. (G.S. 143-133).

The informal contracting procedure need not be followed for purchases from the United States of America or any agency thereof, or any other governmental unit or agency thereof within the United States. (G.S. 143-129).