

FY 2020 Procurement Laws FAQs

New Procurement Laws Effective 07/01/2020

1. § 2.2-4303(G) was amended to increase the small purchase exemption for goods and services other than professional services from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Small purchases, i.e. those where the sum of all phases not expected to exceed \$200,000 in aggregate, will not require competitive bidding or competitive negotiation.
2. § 2.2-4302.1(1) was amended to allow any locality to include in its Invitation to Bid criteria assurances that the bidder will negotiate in good faith. Such assurances may include a history of completion by the bidder and any potential subcontractors of specified safety training programs established by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, participation by the bidder and any potential subcontractors in apprenticeship training programs approved by state agencies or the U.S. Department of Labor, or maintenance by the bidder and any potential subcontractors of records of compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws.
3. § 2.2-4302.2(A) was amended to allow a public body to include the proposer's employment of persons with disabilities to perform the specifications of the contract as a factor that will be used in evaluating a proposal. This factor is optional depending on the specific needs of the procurement. The decision to include the evaluation criteria must be made prior to issuing the Request for Proposal.